## Major celebrates with jelly and waits for the electorate's happy returns



Forty-niner: Central Office staff, led by Tory chairman, Chris Patten, gave John Major and his wife, Norma, jelly and cake to celebrate his 49th birthday yesterday. No jitters, page 7

## **Worried Tories** pin hopes on 10m don't knows

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

of business failures in the first

quarter of this year.

THE Conservatives are planning a back to basics campaign for the last ten days of the election in an attempt to win over the record ten million voters who have still not decided which party to support.

After a weekend of strategy meetings John Major has told his colleagues to relegate posters and stunts to the background and to campaign vividly on the issues of tax-ation, living standards and Britain's place in the world.

The prime minister wants centrate on convincing the electorate that only the Tories can be trusted to lift Britain out of the recession. Party strategists will not have been encouraged, however, by a

#### MATHEMATICAL PROPERTY OF THE P **Scientists** take stand

British scientists living abroad have called for a government "prepared to demonstrate a real commitment to investment in science" to lure them back.

Jordan Raff, chairman of British Scientists Abroad, and 16 colleagues say in a letter to The Times that tax cuts have not persuaded professionals to work in Britain.....Page 15

#### Oaks at risk

A Victorian country estate ravaged by the unfinished development of two golf courses is likely to lose acres of old woods......Page 6

#### Peace blow

The Cambodian government is launching attacks on Khmer Rouge guerrillas, disrupting United Nations ceasefire attempts..Page 12

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Southampton 3-2 after ex-

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survey published yesterday tion in the event of a hung which showed a soaring rate parliament. He said that it

would be appropriate to in-

troduce legislation within the first 18 months of a parlia-

ment, but he did not repeat

his threat to vote against the Queen's Speech if it did not

include measures to reform

the voting system.

Labour will continue to put health at the forefront of its

campaign this week, al-

though party strategists are disappointed that their use of the health card last week did

have a more positive effect.

They had hoped to see a clear

polls, but the dispute over the Jennifer Bennett broadcast

appeared to benefit only the

Liberal Democrats who at-

tracted more support as La-

bour's advantage dimin-ished. Party sources denied

yesterday that plans to show a

second health broadcast had

There is some concern in

the Labour camp that the

Tory assault on their taxation

policies will bear fruit later in

the campaign. As a result,

John Smith and his shadow

budget will be given a high

profile again this week, and campaigners will emphasise

that eight out of ten voters will

benefit from his tax plans.

The party is also expected to highlight its education poli-cies, setting out how it will

spend the extra £600 million

allocated by Mr Smith in the

Leading Conservatives took

some cheer from the weekend

polls. They noted that Labour's lead had been trim-

med on health, education and

unemployment and that their

margin over Labour on hav-

ing the best tax policies had

increased. They will return to the subject of taxation today,

although they also hope to

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shadow budget

been scrapped.

Although the "time for a change" argument puts the Conservatives' attempt for a record fourth term at risk, Mr Major believes that Mr Kinnock would have a clear lead in the polls by now if people wanted a Labour government. He has told colleagues that people "don't want to vote Labour but want to know why they should vote for us". He has been assured that the Conservative vote is solid, but he is well aware tha there are a record number of undecided voters.

Although the party strategists are denying suggestions that the campaign tactics have been switched after in-ternal criticism of lacklustre efforts, they are admitting to "shifting up a gear" after some agonised reappraisal in weekend meetings. There will be much more emphasis on the positive as well as a continued assault on the likely consequences of Labour's taxation and spending policies.

Mr Major has increased his speech programme and will make a "nightmare on Kinnock Street" speech to-morrow, contrasting how the country would look after five more years of Tory reforms with five years of a Labour government. Having enjoyed the crowd participation in Luton market. Mr Major wants to get closer to real voters. He has promised colleagues he will "get up on his soapbox on street corners up and down the land" and demonstrate some of the passion which has has been evident at tablethumping sessions in Conservative Central Office. Mr Major has also signalled an "all or nothing" determ-ination to win, telling colleagues that there will be no question of any kind of deal between the Tories and the

Liberal Democrats. Paddy Ashdown yesterday watered down his demands for proportional representa-

#### Town of no name is out in the cold

In the looking-glass world of the Soviet Union the only places where communism worked were closed to prying eyes, writes Mary Dejeksky

n hour's drive north of Krasnoyarsk, amid the Siberian snows and silver birches, is a city of 100,000 people which does not exist.

There is a neo-classical town square, still adorned with a standard-issue statue of Lenin, and stuccoed buildings topped with big red letters spelling "Peace to the world" and "Glory to work". There is also an immaculate museum, stuffed with clocks samovars, chronicling the city's 42-year history.

Yet "our town", as the museum's brochure calls it. has no real name and it is on no map. Even a few months ago, anyone imparting any information about it would have been arrested. I became one of the first Westerners ever to see this closed military town, code-named Krasnoyarsk-26, after its post-code, which is also known as Atom-city and aspires to become "North-Krasnoyarsk" as is emerges from the secret world and looks for Western investment in its hi-tech ex-

The town has some doz-1 en big defence factories, design and assembly shops for spaceships and satellites, and an underground nuc-lear power station. In addition it has thousands of square feet of vacant and largely unfinished factory and laboratory space which may never be occupied.

The former Soviet Union had several categories of closed towns and areas. Krasnovarsk-26 was in the highest, top-secret category. was disclosed earlier this year. What has forced them into the open is lack of money. The system that gave Continued on page 18, col 1

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## Princess to fly home after father dies of heart attack

By Geoff King

EARL Spencer, the father of the Princess of Wales, died yesterday after suffering a heart attack. The news was broken to the princess during a skiing holiday in Austria with the Prince of Wales and their two sons. She is expected to fly home today.

The princess and Prince William visited the earl, who was 68, last week, the day before she left the country. She spent 25 minutes with him at the Humana Wellington hospital in London, where he was recovering from

treatment for pneumonia.
The news of Lord Spencer's death put an end to a holiday which had seen the princess and hergamily in high spirits as she, her husband and her



The princess on holiday

two sons skied together for the first time. Just over an hour before reporters were told, the Prince of Wales and Prince Harry were playing in the snow at the back of their

The princess and her sons arrived at the resort of Lech for a week-long break last Thursday. They were joined by the prince on Saturday night, after he had completed a series of engagements in

A hospital spokesman said that the earl died after a brief illness. "His death, which was peaceful, was from sudden myocardial infarction followng pneumonia, complicated

by heart failure."
The earl, who latterly became embroiled in controversy about the sale of works of art from his family seat at Althorp, Northamptonshire, carned the admiration of princess's wedding. He escorted his third daughter up the aisle of St Paul's at a time when he had been weakened by a brain haemorrhage which he had suffered three years earlier.

He was overjoyed when his daughter announced that she was going to marry the prince, but perhaps took the greatest pleasure in the birth of his grandchildren.

After the royal wedding, the earl spent much of his time at Althorp, which became the subject of interest and curiousity for sightseers. He was criticised when conservationists expressed concern at the sale of a number of art objects and paintings to finance the refurbishment of the estate. The earl was clear-

upset by the criticism,

hich he later described as

biased and vindictive. The row deepened family wounds, with constant press reports that his children had an ill-disguised dislike for their stepmother, Raine.

There was further criticism of a decision to raise money by selling to a Japanese company the right to use the name "Royal Spencer" merchandise. The earl was said to have described his children as "ungrateful", but denied suggestions that they were not on speaking terms. He said that his second wife had done a "magnificent" job in keeping Althorp going de-spite millions of pounds of debts which he inherited, and pointed to the long tradition of art sales by the owners of

large estates. deprive Lord Spencer of happy final memories of his grandchildren. Prince William and Prince Harry and their seven cousins were at what proved to be his last Christmas party, December.

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The Prince of Wales goes to market his disparate activities complete with logo and slogan

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#### in Lech earlier yesterday Britain has become a nation of complainers

THE performance of Britain's public services and many leading professions is attracting record numbers of complaints to the ombudsmen and authorities which regulate them.

Each annual or quarterly

report from the independent bodies which handle complaints shows an increase in dissatisfaction with services and charges, a Times survey has discovered, with significant rises in the numbers complaining about the elec-

## By TONY DAWE

will show that complaints in the first three months of this year are 23 per cent higher than in the previous quarter. Leaders of the main regulatory bodies believe the complaints reflect the public's greater expectations as much as a drop in standards.

#### tricity and water companies, banking and insurance. Figures to be released this week from Oftel, which regulates the telephone service,

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## Newspaper makes its own front page news



THE COURIER We've moved up front By Kerry GILL

FOR the first time in 176 years a general election campaign will be reported today on the front page of the Dundee Courier, an act hitherto unthinkable on the last daily British paper to carry only

advertisements on page one.

Issue number 43,273 will cast aside a tradition stretching back to 1816 after 86 per cent of readers between the ages of 18 and 64, perhaps grudgingly, said that they would accept a change to reading news on the front page instead of advertisements for mole-catchers, church notices and car boot sales.

Issue number 43,272 of Britain's most popular regional morning news-paper outside Glasgow, Saturday's edition, should become a collectors' item. With front page news and colour pictures due to appear from today, it was perhaps a neat coincidence that Saturand a dummy of the new day's editorial covered the topic of col-

to yes, maybe. The Courier itself.

Reflecting a move made by The Times on May 3, 1966, and The Inverness

Courier in September, 1990, today's edition is expected to run with a mix of election, international, national and local stories on page one. Traditionally the newspaper has printed the most important news items in the centre. Thus on Saturday readers were told to turn to page 13 for items such as "Hos-

pital bug wreaks havee", and to page 16 for "United's double signing".

For sport too will have a new home, on the back page, ousting lists of births, marriages and deaths, which move to page two. Steve Bargeton, news editor, could offer few clues as to what would appear on page one today. "We have got a welter of stuff which is delightful. One of our strengths is that we can react to changing news well into the early hours

lectables, from pop momentos to postage stamps, from old crisp packets page one stories would not be finalised page one stories would not be finalised until mid-evening and changes could be made until the 4am Dundee edition.

Formally known as The Courier and Advertiser, its editor, lan Stewart, is determined to retain the newspaper's intrinsic community feel. Almost 115,000 people buy the newspaper each day and they will not find any changes in the content.

Dundee was once known as the city of jam, jute and journalism", now only the journalism survives, but at least it looks healthy. Mr Stewart said: "Regionals are not having the best of times but we have always been ahead. We are top of the league of regional papers nationwide." What Dundonians and their neighbours in such rural outposts as Bucklerheads, Gellyburn and Glenduckie will make of life's events plastered over page one, and back page sport, is yet to be discovered.



## State schools centre will publicise successes

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers launched their most determined counter attack today on critics of state schools. The two headteachers' associations announced plans for an information centre for state schools, hoping to emulate the success enjoyed by a parallel service for the independent sector. Acting independently of government as a non-profit making company, the centre

is intended to publicise the achievement of state schools and counter the impression that standards are falling. As well as analysing performance, it will advise heads on promoting their schools.

#### **Executive** the centre's costs. The initiative was inspired role urged for heads HEAD teachers demanded

government action yesterday to clarify their relationship with school governors in the light of the long running dis-pute at Stratford School, east London (John O'Leary

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers. called for heads to become chief executives with overall responsibility for the management of their schools. They would be accountable to a board of governors, similar to those in business and

industry. "The board of governors, having appointed a chief executive and provided the necessary framework in terms of policy and budget, should then expect the person appointed to get on with the task." Mr Hart told the association is complete the person appointed to get on with the task." Mr Hart told the association is complete. ciation's secondary schools conference in Cardiff. "Governors should, as far as possible, avoid becoming involved themselves in the detail of "the school's management."

John Dunford, head of Durham Johnston comprehensive, whose lobbying brought the project to fruition, said: "For too long the state system, and the comprehensives in particular, have been media whipping boys. Every survey or report on education is given a negative slant. Opinion surveys show that 90 per cent of parents are satisfied with state schools but that is not the impression you get in the press. It is about time some of the good things were put

The two associations are raising £50,000 to launch the initiative with a chief executive and offices in London. They hope that most state schools will later pay a small annual subscription to meet

by the success of the Indepen-dent Schools Information Service. Tim Devlin, the first director of ISIS, said: "When the service was set up in 1972, it countered the then prevailing attitude that pri-vate schools were anachronis-tic. The media only talked of top-hatted toffs getting up to larks, not new science labs and modern developments. ISIS helped to change that and caught something of a new wave. I feel the centre can do that as well."

• Schools are in danger of neglecting the promotion of human values, true learning and good behaviour because of the pressure for results, Cardinal Basil Hume has told headteachers.

The idea that education consists solely in the acquisition of skills and the learning of facts is ... a woefully inadequate one," he told the Secondary Heads' Association at the weekend. Religious education could be neutral between faiths, but a school still had to advocate basic human values.

Cardinal Hume said that he had nothing but praise and admiration for the dedication and professionalism of the headteachers he had met.



Instincts sharpened: a Bristol estate agent learns how to defend herself in a training session with Constable Chris Nott, of Redland police station, in the city. Prompted by the kidnapping of Stephanie Stater in January, the Avon and Somerset police are instructing 13

local women estate agents in selfdefence (Rachel Kelly writes). The woman who suggested the self-de-fence course to Black Horse Agen-cies said: "The lessons should be done by everybody. They made me think how I would react in a crisis. Everybody reacts differently." The

courses, which take place in an empty house, concentrate on making the women more aware but are tailored to the pressures of the profession. They point to the need, for example, to note the means of escape in a house and to use the women's own natural reactions. If

a woman is a natural runner, the police will teach her to take advantage of that. If she is a natural hitter, her skills would be developed. The training also emphasizes the dangers inherent in going round a strange house. Richard Harding, area director for Black Horse, said: "We are very much aware of the dangers our job can entail. There is no golden rule, but if a girl gets a bad feeling about somebody who does not look her in the eye or seems shifty, the police tell her to follow her instincts and make sure she doesn't go alone."

## Father murdered by UVF gunman

teer Force (UVF) claimed responsibility for the murder of a Roman Catholic father of three, shot dead at his home in Portadown, County Armagh, yesterday.
The UVF, in a statment to a

local radio station, claimed that its victim, Terry McConville, aged 43, was a known IRA member. This was denied by his family and by residents who believed that Mr McConville had been shot in retaliation for an IRA mortar attack on a police car in Newry on Friday night, in which a policewoman was killed and a colleague injured.

According to police and local reports, a masked gunman burst into Mr McConville's home in Portadown, at about 3.30am. After first going into the bedroom of one of his daughters, the gunman went into the main bedroom where he shot

Mr McConville. A close friend of the victim said Mr McConville, who worked at Craigavon Hospital and played drums in a local dance band, had no interest in politics or religion. "The man was neither Protestant nor Catholic. He had a heart for living, and playing in a band and looking after his family," he said. Mr McConville's widow and daughters issued a statement calling for no retalia-tion for his murder.

The policeman injured in the mortar attack was still seriously ill yesterday, after losing both legs in the blast. The policewoman killed was Colleen McMurray, aged 34, whose husband is also a police officer. The RUC described her as a fine, caring officer. She is the sixth police woman to have been killed in the troubles this year and the fourth in Newry. The stotal death toll so far is 38.1 Il but one were civilians.

#### Mosque is split by struggle for power

By Craig Seton

A BITTER conflict has divided the Muslim leadership of one of Britain's largest mosques and led to its chair-man of 17 years being ousted by rivals.

Dr Mohammad Naseem, chairman of the council of management of Birmingham's central mosque since 1975, was voted out of office at an annual meeting last month after allegations that he failed to consult colleagues and complaints over his leadership style. The 67-year-old family doctor from Handsworth, Birmingham, claims that the meeting was unconstitutional and intends to take legal action to regain his position. In the meantime, the locks on the mosque's offices have been changed and on one occasion the police were called during the dispute between the new officials and Dr Naseem and

Dr Naseem's rivals among council and a wider body of 60 trustees say that he had an autocratic style and that feelings intensified over his leadership during discus-sions about plans to develop land alongside the mosque and claims that money had been wasted on costs. Yesterday Dr Naseem denied that he was dictatorial. He said: "As far as I am concerned I am still the chairman until the matter is decided by the

Fazlun Khalid, aged 60, a management consultant, is the new secretary of the management council. He said yesterday: This is basically about the management style of an individual. One of the basic principles about doing things in the Islamic community is consultation. The entire community must be consulted and that was not

happening." He said that an annual meeting had not been held for 18 months. Neutral trustees concerned about the delay had taken legal advice before calling an agm that elected new members and officials. He added: "As far as we are concerned it is a fait accompli. We are in con-trol of the mosque. Dr Nassem is still a member of the council and he is wel-

CAMBRIDGE dons were

yesterday disputing sugges-

tions that they had slipped

behind their greatest rivals, at

Oxford. A book by two neu-

tral academics gives Oxford a

clear edge in a comparison of

the two universities. The

study will provide the most

detailed judgment for nearly

Brian Salter, of Kent Univ-

ersity, and Edward Tapper.

of Sussex University, have

been working on the project

for five years. The two polit-

ical scientists have tried to

assess the degree to which

Oxford and Cambridge have

bridge and the Changing

30 years of their strengths.

## Charity cash used 'to prop up NHS'

HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MILLIONS of pounds raised lions of pounds. Guy's, St in charitable appeals by the NHS are being used to prop up inefficient services and promote unfair competition. according to a new study.

In London alone, appeals totalling more than £100 million are underway at half a dozen of the best known hospitals, including Guy's, St Thomas's, the Hammersmith, the Royal Marsden and King's College. Many are using their charitable income to subsidise services so that they can undercut rivals by charging a lower price or make a larger surplus, the study Charity and NHS Re-form published by the Directory for Social Change, says. "A hospital could achieve

not because its services were particularly efficient, or of good quality, but because it had a large charitable income," the study says.

Total charitable income to the NHS is estimated at £370 million a year, only 1 per cent of the total NHS budget. But the money is unevenly distrib-uted with some hospitals in

wealthy areas receiving mil-

DEPRESSION is under-

treated and insufficiently ac-

knowledged, according to a

report published today by the

Because of the stigma,

Office of Health Economics.

many people who suffer from depression do not come for-

ward for treatment, although

modern drugs are generally effective at lifting the gloom.

About two million people a year in the United Kingdom

are diagnosed as suffering from depression, but the actu-

al numbers could be much

higher. Some 70 per cent of

the 4,000 suicides every year

are caused by depression, and the condition also has devas-

tating effects on personal re-

lationships, as well as being a

major cause of unemploy-

crime

The immediate cost, for

hospital treatment, drugs and

GP consultations, is at least

£333 million a year, but the

Dons defend Cambridge

BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

**Depression stigma** 

hinders treatment

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

success in the internal market

Bartholomew's and St Thomas's each have trust funds worth over £50 million.

The study says that the role of charity in the NHS has altered fundamentally. Charitable money is no longer reserved for buying extra facilities or developing new treatments but is now used for "core services", including building and equipping new hospitals. It says the growth in fund raising "may tempt the Exchequer to cut back accordingly when allocating public funds to the NHS".

money is being used to shore up inefficiency. "Hospital-based research units who have found it hard to win research grants ... have launched major appeals to boost their income from char-

real cost is much higher.

Recently new drugs have

been developed to add to the

anti-depressants which have

been available since the late

1950s. The evidence is that

high doses of the established

drugs, given at the acute

stage and maintained for

long enough, prevent relapses

Among newer drugs,

serotinin re-uptake inhibi-

tors, or SSRIs, are no more

effective in lifting the depres-

sion, but are believed to have

fewer side-effects. They are

more expensive than the tra-

ditional drugs, but have the

advantage that an overdose is

very unlikely to be lethal. In

combination with drugs, psy-

chotherapy can also be help-

ful. "Pills for symptoms.

psychotherapy for problems"

is the report's prescription.

in 80 per cent of cases.

In some cases charitable

ity." Health authorities have been permitted to raise funds direct from the public only since . 1980. There are now 2,300 appeals registered with the Charity Commission. The study says NHS trusts see charitable fund raising as "a relatively easy way of generating extra income.

#### **Teenager** killed in stolen car

A teenager was killed at the weekend when he lost control of a sports car he had just stolen from outside a night

Matthew Pennick, aged 19, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was killed instantly when the Ford Escort XR3 Turbo hit a tree as it rounded a tight bend at high speed. The accident happened on the road from Halifax to Huddersfield late on Satur-

Police confirmed yesterday that the car had been stolen and appealed for witnesses.

#### Last broadcast

A 67-year-old radio transmit-BBC's first national programme, in the 1920s, shut down yesterday. The Daventry Transmitting Station at Borough Hill, Northamptonshire, beamed its last Europe and Africa. During the last phase of its life the station was transmitting World Service programmes on short wave.

#### Gull widens

The gap between the poor and better-off widened in the 1980s, with income in the top fifth of households rising by almost £8,000 at 1989 prices to £28,124. The income of the poorest fifth fell by £160 to £3,282 over the same period, the Low Pay Unit has reported. A couple with two child-ren on half average earnings now pays £9 a week more in direct tax, excluding VAT and poll tax, than in 1979.

Murder charge A prisoner has been charged with murdering a fellow in-mate at Wayland prison, Norfolk. The dead man. Victor Osborne, aged 46, from London, who was serving six years for possessing drugs, was stabbed in the jail on Saturday night, police said. He was taken to hospital in Norwich but died later. A man will appear before magistrates at Thetford today

#### Civil War show takes to the road

charged with murder.

AN exhibition sponsored by The Times to mark the 350th anniversary of the outbreak of the Civil War may revive ancient rivalries between the towns of Notin Young writes). The exhibition, the first travelling display to be mounted in Britain by the Royal Armouries, England's oldest museum, will open at the Castle Museum in Nottingham on August 2. While Nottingham was

on the side of the parlia-mentarians. Newark, commanding the other strategic bridge over the Trent, was steadfastly for the king.
The exhibition will first

be seen at the Town Docks Museum, Hull, from April 11 to May 31; then June 6 to July 26. Whitefriars Museum, Coventry: August 2 to September 20, Castle Museum, Nottingham; September 26 to January 3 1993, Foregate Museum, Worcester: January 9 to March 28 1993, Corinium Museum, Cirencester.

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adapted to changes in the university system, and which has had closer links with industry, new management methods, and less reliance on Their book, Oxford, CamIdea of the University, to be published in May, will show the universities outshining the rest in most areas. But Oxford emerges on top in various indicators.

Both have top ratings for research in most subjects. The book makes no judgment on teaching quality but says Cambridge is behind Oxford on the value of its research grants and the proportion of income from private sources.

Cambridge is reluctant to comment until it has seen the research but does not accept that Oxford has superiority. The book credits Oxford with a more successful fund-raising campaign, for example, but Cambridge argues that the inclusion of research income exaggerates the gap between two campaigns of different duration.

Sir Richard Southwood,

Oxford's vice chancellor, has said that the differences between the two universities are marginal. He gave warning last year that Oxford's superiority in its traditional strongholds of the arts and social

sciences was under threat. Dr Salter and Dr Tapper credit Oxford with more success than Cambridge in mod-ernising administration. Both are wrestling with the difficulties of split responsibilities and loyalties between colleges and the university.

Other universities were keeping out of the dispute, although some felt that they had superior claims to modernity. None expected to compete with Oxford and Cambridge on such indicators as the scale of research grants or private funding.

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## **Bolder consumers** deluge ombudsmen with complaints

BY TONY DAWE

MILIONS of Britons were number of complaints reflects so ssatisfied with public servidcompanies and the profesons last year that they loted formal complaints. At let 200,000 of the criticiss were so serious or so bey handled by the comes concerned that they e investigated by a team of opudsmen, regulatory bodiand consumer groups. he number of complaints

otinues to rise, a survey by the Times has discovered. week Oftel, which regues the telephone service, il report 11,334 comaints in the first three onths of this year, 23 per nt up on the previous quarr. The Commission for ocal Administration in Engand, which investigates serius complaints against ouncils, estimates a 29 per ent increase to 11.828 in the 1991-2 financial year. Julian Farrand, the insurance ompudsman, last week announced a "tidal wave" rise of 64 per cent in the complaints he handled.

Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-general of Fair Trading, believes that the swelling growing public awareness of the regulatory bodies as much as a drop in standards. Sir Bryan Carsberg, the head of Oftel who will succeed him in June, said: "What we are seeing is a rise in customers'. expectations of good quality of service, together with the

## More barristers put in the dock

Frances Gibb begins an examination of attempts to make the Bar's complaints procedure more open to public scrutiny

A RECORD number of complaints against barristers. which increased by almost half over two years, has led to calls for an overhaul of the Bar's machinery for dealing with them and criticism that it is too slow, secretive and fails to give proper redress.

A spokesman for the Bar said: "We don't know why the numbers are going up. It may be partly the publicity surrounding the creation of the legal services ombudsman and that people's expecta-tions of services are rising."

Complaints remained around 210 a year for five years until 1989, jumping to 255 in 1990 and 308 in



Bruce: victim of late . returned brief

#### Breach of cab-rank rule claimed

VAUGHAN Bruce, from Ashford, Kent, lodged a com-plaint about his counsel after being the victim of one of the commonest grievances: the late returned brief (Frances Gibb writes). He was involved in a dispute with his local council over a lease and the papers had been with counsel some months when the hear-

ing date came up, he says. "Six days before the hear-ing I was told that the senior barrister who was handling the case could not do it. The papers were transferred to another counsel in chambers, who after agreeing a brief fee of £1,000 then came back to me the next morning demanding an increase of 50

per cent in the fee." Mr Bruce made a comr, plaint against the first barrister over what he saw as a breach in the cab-rank rule (that a barrister takes each case as it comes along), and against the second for seeking an increased fee and for acting unprofessionally, as he saw it. The first complaint was dismissed and the second has been adjourned pending the outcome of related

litigation. "Why does not the Bar Council require all barristers who fail to comply with the cab-rank rule to pay compensation to the lay client who

suffers loss?" he says. About 70 per cent of com-plaints against barristers are dismissed or no further action is taken. Of the rest, half are referred to the Bar's disciplinary tribunals and the other half are dealt with informally. knowledge that there is an

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1991. This year a higher figure is expected. The Bar has already taken steps to improve the system. One main criticism was that complainants have been kept in the dark on a barrister's response. Often they have just been told that their complaint

has been dismissed. Now, for complaints made since February 6, they will be shown at least a copy of the barrister's comments. The change will not affect earlier complaints because those barristers made their comments on the understanding that they would not be disclosed. A second possible change would speed up the hearings. It can take up to a

dealt with. At present two sorts of tribunals handle complaints.
One deals with the most serious charges of professional misconduct and can suspend or disbar; the other can only admonish, direct a barrister to attend the treasurer of hisinn for a reprimand, or fine up to £500. A working party is considering an informal and speedy system which would replace the summary tribunals in cases in which facts were not in dispute, providing that the barrister agreed. A panel from the Bar Council's professional conduct commit-

tee would expect to deal with a complaint within 60 days. Welcoming the reform on disclosure, the ombudsman, Michael Barnes, said that he had suggested it "because it seemed to me a basic requirement of a good complaints handling system". Other reforms may tackle the lack of compensation for complainindependent regulator to whom they can complain." By delving into annual re-

ports and standards of service documents and by badgering the companies concerned, The Times has been able to paint a picture of a complain-ing Britain The water indusing Britain. The water industry received 11,380,700 queries about bills in the past imancial year. Many were requests for information or about methods of payment, but the industry believes that at least a million were about increasing charges.

BT admitted to 650,000 complaints last year but emphasised that the figures include abcople criticising

include people criticising general assues such as the company's £90-a-second profcompany's 190-a-second profits or the colour of its vans, as well as individual complaints. The Pest Office recorded 740,000 grumbles about the Royal Mail in the past financial year but was pleased that this was a drop of 90,000 or 111 perfect on the previous Il per cent on the previous

George Brown, assistant secretary of the Post Office Users' National Council, said: An important factor is that the Post Office's customer relations people have become far more efficient in dealing with complaints." The Consumers Association. which is in the middle of a year-long survey on the handling of complaints, believes that a fair response by companies can foster customer loyalty, "Complaints should be a positive force which can be used to sharpen management decisions," Sue Bloomfield, the association's senior policy officer, said.

British Rail, the service which attracts the most vociferous criticism, is the most reluctant to discuss complaints. The least troublesome railways, in Scotland, northeastern and western England, provide figures, but Network South East and London Midland Region say that the information is "commercially sensitive" and cannot be released.

Mike Patterson, secretary of the Central Transport Consultative Committee, which collates rail passengers' complaints, said: "We are contin uing to press British Rail to restore the information they used to supply until six years ago. It was cut ou because th company said it did not need to collate complaints information as it was of no practical use and proposed to carry out scientific surveys of pas-

sengers instead. "A complaint, however, is the registration of a failure to deliver a service and one way of finding out how the customers feel it is breaking down. A survey only provides a general overview." The last figures given to his committee disclosed 100,000 complaints a year to British Rail but the figure is now estimat-

ed conservatively at 125,000. Those who wish to escape ing a holiday can do so with more confidence than before. The Association of British Travel Agents reports a substantial drop in complaints to holiday companies and travel errant companies.



Father of the bride: Earl Spencer giving away Diana at her marriage to the Prince of Wales. Below, his son Viscount Althorp

## Auction hammer dented the Spencer family pride

BY ROBIN YOUNG

EARL Spencer, who died yesterday, would probably have remained a largely anonymous figure had it not been for the women in his life. The father of the Princess of Wales will be succeeded by the son from whom he had become estranged.

He first impinged most favourably on national consciousness in 1981 when, although weak and unsteady on his feet after a brain haemorrhage which he had suffered three years earlier, he summoned up the strength to play his full part in the marriage of his third daughter, Diana, to the Prince of Wales.

the bride. On the day the couple announced their engagement, he surprised cameramen outside Buckingham Palace by photographing them taking pictures of him. He explained that he had photographed every event in his daughter's life and was not going to miss this one. With similar enthusiasm he recounted the telephone call in which the prince asked his permission to marry Diana. The prince said: 'Can I marry your daughter? I have asked her and, very suprisingly, she said 'Yes'.' I told him: 'Well done', and I was delighted for the two of

When Prince William was born, the earl was said to have got up at dawn with his second wife, Raine, to drive from Althorp, their 16th century home in Northamptonshire, to London. When told of Prince Harry's birth, he shouted the news from a balcony at Althorp to the last of the day's visitors touring

He was a popular father of Sadly, for a man so proud of his family and its connections, family relationships soured notoriously as he and his second wife, the daugh-ter of the romantic novelist Dame Barbara Cardand, sought increasingly bizarre and ill-gudged means of raising money for their estate. Sales of art treasures including silverware, antique fur-

niture, paintings, political papers and estate cottages brought arguments not only with his son, Viscount Althorp, but with the Princess of Wales. Schemes to sell replicas of the princess's wedding dress in Japan, and to endorse china dinner services "Royal Spencer" for sale abroad attracted adverse comment in the press and the disapproval of the royal family.

People were reluctant to blame the earl. His father had been a true connoisseur, and a great collector. Johnnie, as the earl was af fectionately known, did not know much about art and was not even sure what he

Much of the money raised from apparently ill-advised sales from Althorp (pictures sold by private treaty regularly made much larger sums at auction shortly after) went to invest in rea estate in Bognor.

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#### **Prisoners** despair at lack of help

By RICHARD FORD

LACK of access to legal advice and difficulties in obtain-ing transcripts of their trials are hindering prisoners seek-ing to establish their innocence, according to a survey published today. It says that prisoners are driven to despair by the absence of help they receive in attempts to gain an appeal hearing.

the problems which such complaints represent by taking a holiday can do yet. investigate and refer disputed cases to the appeal court. The association sent to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice the case summaries of 22 prisoners, all from Long agents over the past year Lartin jail, Leicestershire, saybecause, it says, of tighter controls, including fines for and inconsistences about

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## Fish and chips saved the nation from a battering

By ROBIN YOUNG

historical study.

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Chapters detail the

efforts of friers to free them-

selves of their trade's "stale,

tenacious odour by bath-ing in Jeyes fluid and clean-

and the industry employed

up to 70,000 people. Deep sea fishing and the ports

WHAT saved Britain from military defeat, socialist revolution and famine? The answer, according to the author of a new academic accounts of such episodes as the Yorkshire Dripping War and the Hartlepool work on a neglected aspect of social history, is fish and

John Walton, of the modern social history depart-ment at Lancaster University, argues that fish and chips helped the nation to victory in the first world war by providing the poor with cheap, nutritious food in a time of potential

shortage. There is now serious discussion among British and German historians whether the first world war was won and lost more by foodstuffs than guns," he says.

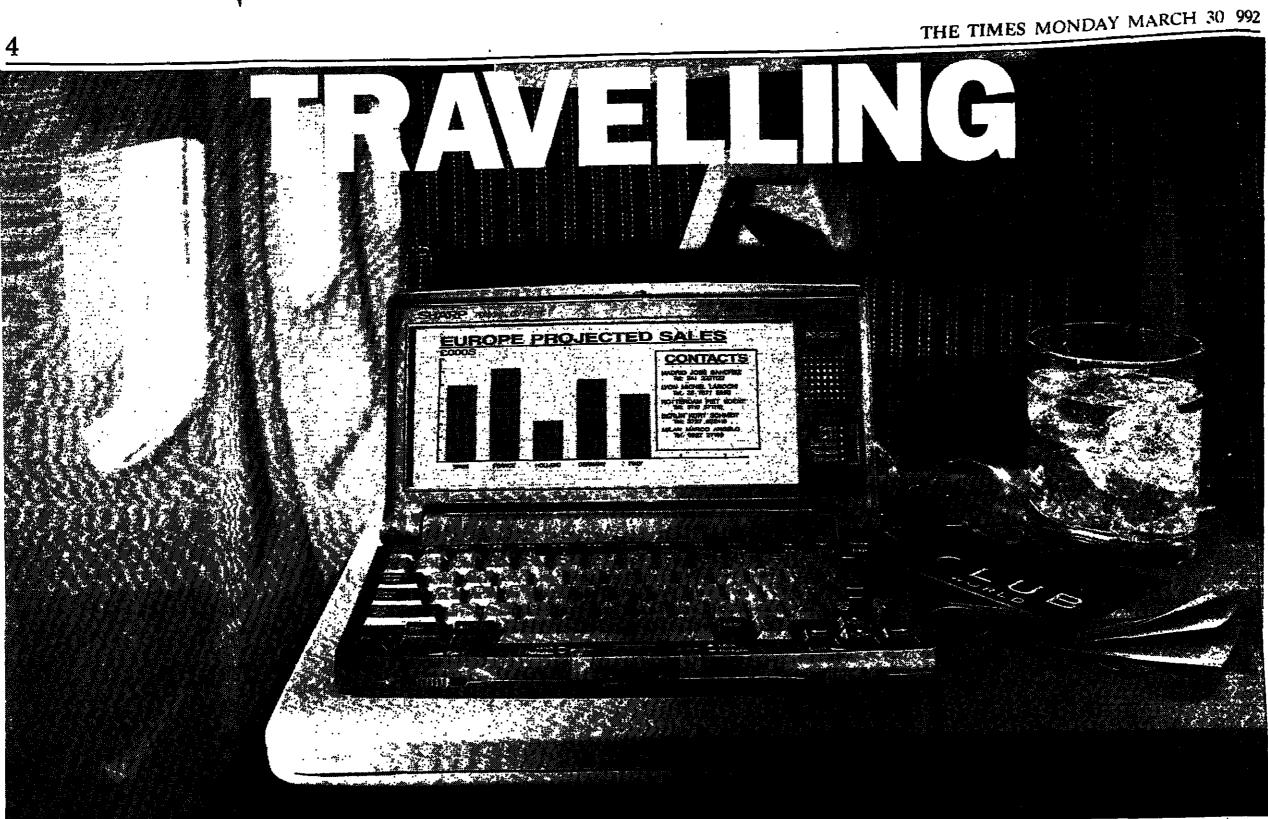
Shortly after the armistice the trade magazine. Frier, claimed that fish and chips "had stood, more than any other trade in the country, between the very poorest of our population and famine and revolt". A similar claim was made later by George Orwell in an essay.

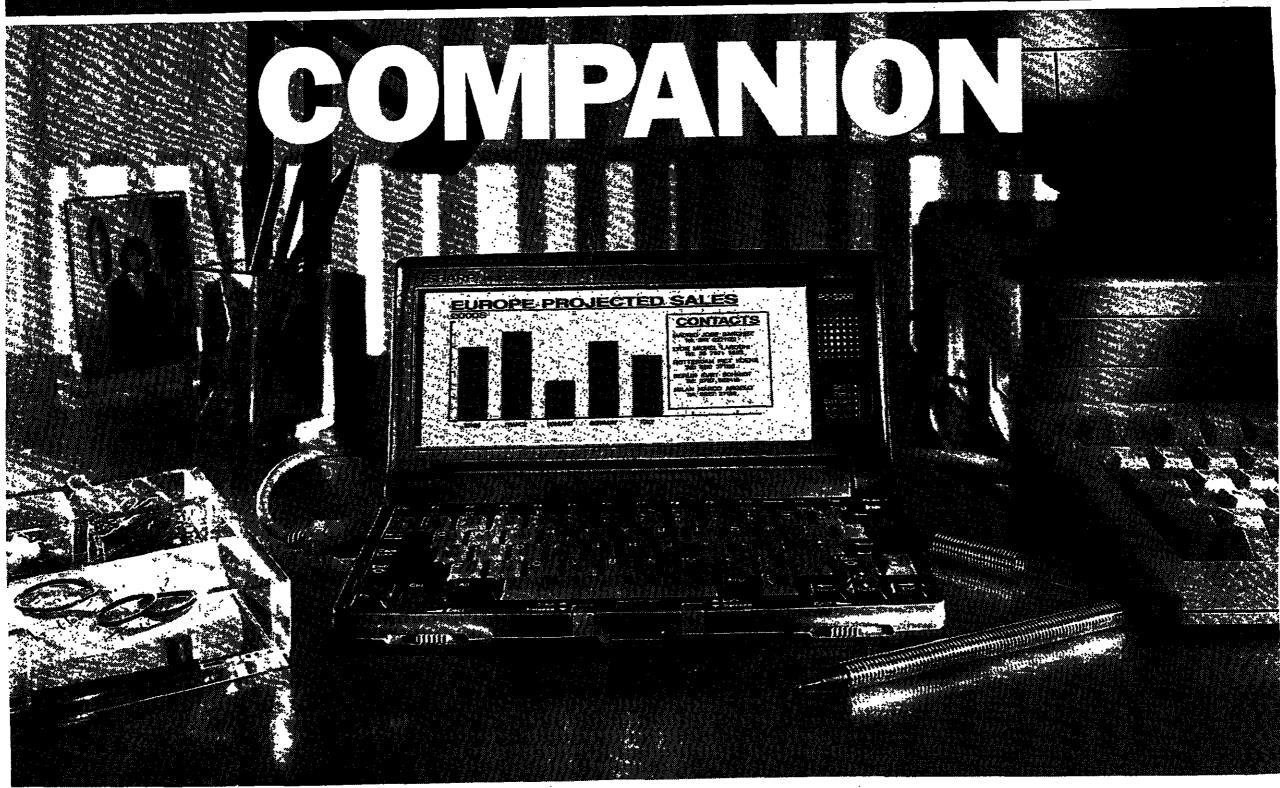
Dr Walton's book. Fish depending on it could not have developed without fri-Working Classes 1870- ers to sell their catch. Working Classes 1870-1940, with 21 pages of foot-The bibliography of fish and chips has in the past notes and scholarly

been notably short. The late Gerald Priestland, best known as a religious affairs Vinegar Incident, suggests correspondent of the BBC. that snobbish attitudes wrote a well-researched stood in the past between fish and chips and serious popular history called Frying Tonight in 1972, raising an unsolved mystery of Vic-In the late 1860s fish torian historiography: did Karl Marx eat fish and shops were described as chips?
Dr Walton is not prebeing full of drunks and prostitutes swigging from vinegar bottles. When the friers formed their trade as-sociation in 1913 they were ridiculed for describing it as a "federation".

pared to comment on the comparative merits of fish and chips in different areas of the country today. That he leaves to Pierre Picton, a former circus clown who has been updating his Gour-met's Guide to Fish and

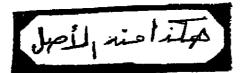
Chips for 25 years.
Mr Picton's latest edition
(Alan Sutton, £6.95) is
cheaper than Dr Walton's ing their shops with Brilliant-Shino. By the 1930s there were 30,000 fish and chip shops (Leicester University Press. £35) and tells people who find their appetites whetted by Dr Walton's researches where they should go.





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# London 'will be swamped by refugees in five years'

By Douglas Broom Local Government correspondent

ths are in danger of being rwhelmed by refugees hin the next five years, the der of Westminster city incil said yesterday. David eeks, one of the most senior nservatives in the capital, d that without additional vernment help, central ndon boroughs could not pe with hundreds of asylum kers and growing home-

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"In Westminster we are der pressure anyway in ping with the homeless en before we start to think out helping refugees." Mr eeks said. "It cannot be unsible for the Home Office say that these people can me into this country and en for the government to fuse to help to pay for the

ost of housing them.
"The situation creates conict between the needs of cople with genuine local onnections and those who ırn up on our doorstep sim-. bly because we are the centre of the capital city of the counry where they have been

By Wednesday Westminter expects to have accepted 280 refugee families as offi-



Weeks: boroughs

NTRAL London bor- cially homeless this year, al most a third of the total number it will acknowledge a duty to house. Most come from Zaire (74 families) and Angola (27), although council officials report a grewing stream of asylum seelers

from the Horn of Africa. Mr Weeks said: "As well as housing, the refugees have a severe impact on our schools. where already four out of ten chidren do not speak English as their first language. Some of our schools get turned into educational casualty wards."

He was worried that without help to assimilate them, the growing number of asy hum-seekers might provoke a similar response to that in Paris, where the far right is on the rise.

In the 12 months ending March 1991, 1,052 of Westminster's 18,000 council flats feil vacant and there were 389 housing association flats to which it had the right to nominate tenants. In spite of having 5,700 people on its waiting list, the council offered 830 of the flats and houses to homeless families.

Hillingdon, the London borough which includes Heathrow airport, faces the problem of unaccompanied: child refugees flying in Since January 1990 the borough has dealt with 73 and has 35 youngsters, aged between nine and 17 years, in its care, comprising 25 Eritreans, four Ugandans, three Ethiopians and three Angolans: One of the borough's community homes has been reopened to house 15 Eritrean children and is staffed by

Providing homes and care for refugee children will cost the borough an estimated Elmillion in the present financial year, the equivalent of £5 a head on the poll tax.



Jump start: Betty Chailis and Muriel Lamb climbing into a 1950 competition Skoda yesterday for a driving contest at Brooklands motor museum, Weybridge, Surrey. The event was part of a national rally featuring new and old models of the Czechoslovak-made car

## CAA accused of failing over safety moves

THE Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will face a barrage of criticism today for allegedly dragging its feet over the introduction of new safety measures in passenger aircraft. Survivors from two of Britain's worst air disasters— at Manchester and Kegworth—will tell a meeting of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety in London that little has been done to implement recommendations laid

down up to six years ago.

John Beardmore, who survived the fire on a British Airtours jet at Manchester in 1966 in which 55 people died, said yesterday. "We all feel terriby let down. Promises made soon after the accident that lessons

Some air safety suggestions made six years ago have still not been implemented, according to critics of the Civil Aviation Authority. Harvey Elliott reports

Thomas's hospital that evacuation procedures have barely been improved and that research is dragging on over the fitting of external cam-eras to show pilots what is happening outside their aircraft.

Donat Desmond, whose wife died in the British Midland crash on the M1, will attack the CAA for allegedly failing to introduce safety recommendations, including the development of a new knew accident ment of a new brace position for would be learned have not been ful-filled." He will tell the meeting at St a crash landing and the strengthen-

ing of cabin floors and seats. Mr Desmond told a recent BBC Radio 4 Punters programme: "If we had had a better degree of safety incorporated in that aircraft, many of those people

would have been alive today." An orthopaedic surgeon, Professor Angus Wallace of Nottingham University, told the programme that rear-facing seats would have helped and that a new and improved brace pos-ition could also have saved lives. "We believe that the new brace position should be standard and are disappointed that only a few airlines have taken it up and the CAA is still deciding."

Fielding the criticism will be Dick

Duffell, head of the CAA's aircraft

La is expected

systems department. He is expected to reveal that the authority has almost completed its research on a new brace position and will be recom-mending it to airlines in the summer. He will say that most of the safety

ecommendations have already been introduced, but that some, including the brace position, need detailed re-search work which is still under way. The CAA said last night that, apart from the amount of detailed research necessary, it was limited by Europe-an Community regulations in the ac-

#### Teenagers killed crossing motorway

Two teenagers were killed crossing the M40 near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, late on Saturday night. Andrew Cooper, aged 17, of Sands, High Wycombe, and an unnamed girl, aged 16, were part of a group of pedestrians walking across the motorway. Police said that they had already crossed one carriageway and were on one carriageway and were on the other when they were hit. In a separate incident, Bob Puffett, of Surbiton, south London, died and his son Danny, aged 20, was badly injured when their van veered off the M4 near Newbury. Berkshire, and plunged al

#### Council head

Martin Doughty, aged 42, planning chairman of Derbyshire county council, has been elected leader of the Labourrun council, replacing David Bookbinder, who had been leader since 1981.

#### Pilot dies

Denis Smith, aged 61, a helicopter pilot from Callow End, near Worcester, died yesterday while having surgery for injuries suffered when his helicopter crashed near Wellington, Shropshire,

#### Hosepipe ban

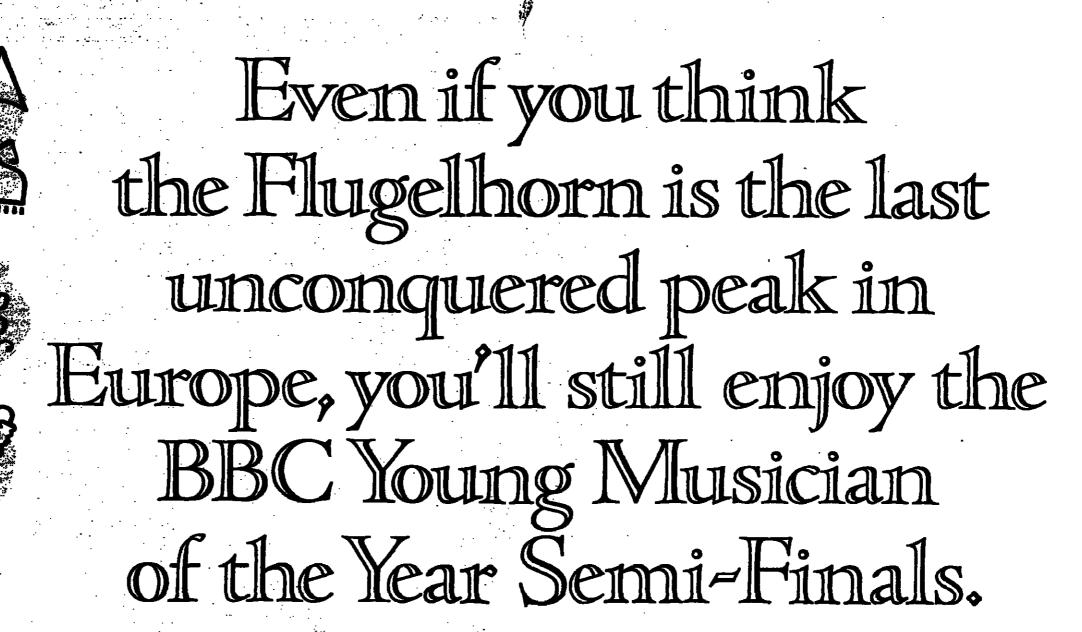
A hosepipe ban is to be introduced in parts of Humberside today. It will affect Kingston upon Hull, Holderness. Beverley and villages in the Boothferry area.

#### Library shop

Norfolk county council is to open a mini-library in a village shop in Outwell, near King's Lynn, today. The council will pay the store owner, John Buck, £1,500 a year to run the service.

#### Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings Premium Bond prize draw: E100,000, bond number 4KK 306049, from Cornwall, value of holding, £1,250. £50,000, 35TF 041358, Birmingham (£1,962); £25,000, 27ZW 172383, Grampian (£3,095).



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By the end of the series you may well be tempted to arise from your chair and tackle the Flugelhorn singlehandedly.





#### New conservation dispute sweeps ravaged estate

## Villagers fight to save oaks

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

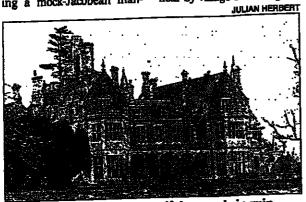
VILLAGERS in Somerset are fighting to stop the felling of big areas of old woodland on a Victorian country estate. Orchardleigh Park, near Frome, has already been ravaged by the unfinished dev-

elopment of two golf courses. The classical parkland. surrounding a lake and a moated church where the poet Sir Henry Newbolt is buried, resembles a tank training ground after the bankruptcy of a property company that bought it and planned the golf courses and two hotels. The estate, including a mock-Jacobean man-

sion by Thomas Wyatt, was sold after the death in 1986 of its owner, Arthur Duckworth, a former Conservative MP.

Local anger at the development has recently spread to plans by the owner of the estate's mature woodlands, another developer, Mark Newcombe, to cut down many old oak and ash trees. The woodlands are subject to a tree preservation order made by Mendip district council, but the council has given permission for the felling, which may begin this week.

Sarah Backhouse, from the near by village of Lullington,



Orchardleigh: once beautiful grounds in ruin

who is secretary of the Friends of Orchardleigh. said: "The most magical historic parkland in north Somerset has already been devast-

ated by developers' greed. Now its beautiful woodlands, which we supposed were protected by the preservation order, are to be ravaged with the permission of the very council that put the order on in the first place." Mrs Backhouse's group is

complaining to the ombudsman, and calling on Mr Newcombe to halt the felling so that the woods can be independently surveyed. The present felling, about

20 acres of the 50 to be cut, will produce a substantial commercial crop of timber, which has already been sold. Mr Newcombe, who is based in London, said that the felling was necessary woodland management and that the felled areas were to be replanted with native broad-

His view is shared by the council's development control officer, Peter Watson, who recommended the scheme to the planning committee. He said that the woodland had

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been unmanaged for perhaps half a century and that the felling would benefit it.

However, Mrs Evelyn Franklin, of the Somerset Trust for Nature Conservation, who has made a study of the woods, said that the proposed felling was too big and too insensitive. The Friends of Orchardleigh are to stage a protest on the estate tomorrow during a council visit. Local anger has been fu-

elled by resentment at the fate of the estate, a prime example of a development disaster from the late Eighties property boom. Orchardleigh was bought by a London developer, Shiraz Kassam, who planned to turn the house into a 32-bedroom hotel and to build a 150-bedroom hotel, while carving two golf courses out of the parkland. However, Mr Kassam's firm, Baron Hotels, went into

receivership 18 months ago and the golf course construction was abandoned unfinished, but not before more than 40 trees had been removed and much parkland buildozed. The estate is for sale through Savills in Bath, at offers over £8 million.



Cementing a career: Anne Stokes, aged 26, a surveyor with Blue Circle Industries, who was named young career woman of the year yesterday

By DAVID YOUNG

lenders pay for an independent debt counselling service. after a voluntary levy raised only £500,000 toward the £6 million which is estimated to be needed.

Delegates at the National Consumer Congress in Leicester yesterday discussed a proposal that lenders be re-quired to pay into a national fund to support counselling organisations, with a contri-bution made on each individual transaction. The Money Advice Association said that the system of a voluntary levy.

tary levy imposes an unfair burden because building so-cieties account for 84 per cent of lending but only a small

Money Advice Association, said: "A levy on each transac-tion would mean that the cost of counselling would be even-ly spread. The lending indus-try must take some resp-onsibility for the problems debt causes. Lenders take no risks. They always have the county courts to fall back on." Frances Harrison, chairman of the Congress and a policy officer for the National Asso-ciation of Citizens' Advice Bu-reaux, said that a national scheme would enable independent advice to be given.

Law urged

to set up

debt advice

CONSUMER organisations are to demand a law making

based on a percentage of total lending, had failed, largely because the building societies refused to give their support.

The Building Societies Association says that the volume

percentage of total transac-tions and a small proportion of bad debt. It says that building societies aiready provide debt counseling.

#### may help the sea to ove whelm coastal cities in the next century, a conference the Royal Geographical Sox ety in London will be to tomorrow. For the first tim American and British scien tists have begun the novel be logical speculation abou what eventually happens ! all the huge volumes of wan now being pumped out of the ground around the world ic domestic use, farming an industry.

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WATER drawn from we

It will end up in the sea where, the scientists believe, will add significantly to the rise in sea levels already expected because of globa warming. Stephe: Leatherman, of the Univer sity of Maryland's Laborator for Coastal Research, is en gaged with his British colleague Robert Nicholls ir trying to calculate how much groundwater will be with drawn by a growing world population between now and 2100.

Their initial conclusions are that it will add considerably to the 65 centimetres of sea level rise predicted for the end of the next century by the global warming study of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Chance. The rise is likely because of the expansion of sea water as it warms, and the melting of glaciers. News of their work will be given by John Top-ping, president of the Climate Institute in Washington, to a conference at the Royal Geographical Society on cities

and climate change.

Mr Topping said that this century an estimated 2,000 cubic kilometres of water have been taken out of the ground around the world. This, added to the oceans, would give more than half a centimetre of extra sea level rise. But the "mining" of groundwater was expected to grow considerably with the rapid growth in human popu-

lation over the next decades. Many large cities on or near the coast are at risk from sea level rise caused by global warming. In addition, cer-tain of them, such as Shanghai and New Orleans, are further threatened by subsidence from groundwater pumping or a reduced flow of sediment that restores delta regions.
"In Shanghai, for example,

local subsidence of centimetres is expected by 2000." Mr Topping said. "If you add that to the 65 centimetres of global warming induced sea level rise, and then put on the additional rise caused by groundwater withdrawal around the world, you have a sea level rise of nearly two metres. And there you have a real problem."

The one-day conference is jointly organised by the society, the Climate Institute and the Environmental Change Unit of Oxford University.

## Freezing shower 'can be lethal'

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE dangers of taking a shower are not confined, it seems, to staying at Norman Bates's motel in Psycho, the Alfred Hitchcock thriller. The shock of a freezing cold shower can be fatal for those suffering heart conditions, a report on hidden dangers in the home

while the dangers of elec-trical points and fire risks have been highlighted in the past, the shower has escaped censure as a possi-bly killer. "If a shower suddenly runs cold it can cause someone suffering from corsomeone suffering from cor-onary heart-disease to col-lapse," according to William Keatinge of Queen Mary and Westfield College hospital in London, one of the British Medical Association's spokesmen on physiological matters.

Even healthy people have died after immersing themsleves in cold water," Professor Keatinge says. "Some may not worry because they've been told that taking a cold shower is a healthy thing to do, but the elderly should realise there is a significant risk." Elderly people might not be able to nip out of a shower

Those who are at greatest risk probably already know

they have a heart problem, such as angina, he says. But they might not realise how dangerous sudden changes in temperature can be.
"Even healthy people have died after immersing themselves in cold water." There is also the risk of first degree burns if a shower produces unexpectedly scalding hot

He recommends that all showers should be designed so that such dangers cannot happen. "At least showers should have warning no-tices to make users treat them with care."

Mike Rymill, spokesman for the British Bathroom Council, said: "Obviously people who shouldn't be subjected to cold-water shock ought to bear this in mind when buying showers. That's why hospitals usually fit thermostat units. But we think people are sufficently aware of the potential for temperature change in

cruder types of shower."
The report, published in Improving Your Home, a new magazine, emphasises other hidden dangers. It warns against individuals installing a gas product themselves without using an installer registered with the Council for Registered Gas

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Conservatives

## Tory leaders go on the offensive to raise tempo

SENIOR Conservatives yes-terday responded to a barrage of internal criticism of their lacklustre campaign by mounting a herce defence of their party's record in power and by warning the country of the perils of turning its back on a decade that transcampaign and extol the achievements of the Thatcher

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formed the face of Britain. They also sought to stiffen the sinews of Tory activists by declaring that the climax of the campaign was no time for faint-hearts. An anxious electorate was waiting only to be convinced that the Conservatives had the will to dominate the Nineties as they did the Eighties.

Robust and forward-looking interventions by Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine signalied that the Tory high command has acknowl edged the force of protests

I am not going to be satisfied, and neither would

the party, with being always the bridesmaid, never the bride of British politics ?

- Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown, asserting that he wants to be prime minister

About as scientific as looking at the entrails of a chicken" 🤊 - the SNP's Jim

Sillars on studying the outcome of opinion polls which have

<sup>6</sup> You manage with less sleep, .... you don't eat very much and you just keep on

trucking ? Neil Kinnock explaining how he han-dles his gruelling election campaign

Out there is an audience anxious to be convinced, a nation longing to be led, people willing to respond ? .. - Michael Heseltine

to a Tory meeting in Leicester <sup>6</sup> The recession doesn't necessarily radicalise people - a lot of people will literally hang on to nurse ?

— Neil Kinnock John Major has very sharp shortterm strengths but I don't think he has a long-term

vision of what this country needs... Neil Kinnock has shown masterly capacity to manage his party and I think he could

manage a government ? -- Paddy Ashdown

Give us all a rest from politics on Mothering

Sunday 🤊 - David Blackmore operations director of the Keep Sunday

Special campaign 6 David Owen can do whatever David Owen

wants > - Paddy Ashdown. on a report that Owen would vote Conservative

There are two ways to get a Labour government. One is to vote Labour and the other is to vote Liberal

Democrat ? - David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury

We have got to change tack ? — Shipley Conserva-tive candidate Sir

Marcus Fox

that flooded in over the weekend about the campaign. The prime minister and Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, will try to keep the momentum going today as they add a more positive and visionary dimension to the

At a meeting in Leicester, Mr Clarke, one of the A-team of senior ministers at the heart of the campaign, sought to dispel the impres-sion that the outcome of the election would make little difference. The country's future was not a "toy" for anyone to play with, he said. It depend-ed on the stewardship of a government and a prime

direction and vision. For almost the first time in the campaign, a senior minister offered an unapologetic defence of the past 13 years, saying that the Tories had done nothing less than change the entire philoso-

minister with clear principles,

phy of government".
"We turned this island into an oasis of enterprise, production and investment. We have created an economic base which will enable us to spring out of the recession ahead of the pack."

A similarly bullish message was conveyed by Mr Heseltine at the same meeting. Great strides had been made at home and abroad since 1979, he said. Despite the recession, almost 500,000 more people were in work than 13 years ago and there were 400,000 more firms. Manufactured exports had

grown at a faster rate than these of Germany, France, Jagan and America and productivity was at a record high. Britain is once again re-spected abroad. We are listened to and trusted. Not by

because of our achievements and efforts." The change of tempo came after Mr Patten chaired a council of war at Tory Central Office against the backdrop of a flurry of criticism by Tories seeking re-election and former ministers standing down from the Commons.

luck or by chance, but

One of the sharpest attacks came from Cecil Parkinson. the former Conservative chairman, who said that the party would have to improve its campaign or face a hung parliament David Evans, who is de-

fending Welwyn and Hatfield, blamed Central Office for a campaign widely attacked as too negative and too parochial. Influential Tories close to

terday that the first two weeks had gone badly. One commented: "The great tragedy of the cam-paign is that there has been scarcely a day on which the

the campaign conceded yes-

the agenda. So far their plans, some of which are good and some of which are not so good, simply have not been followed through."

Shaun Woodward, the party's publicity chief, was being blamed for the Tories' failure to seize the initiative and there were predictions that he would play a less influential

The inexperience of Mr Woodward, aged 33, and many of his Central Office team was said to be a handicap in such a closely fought election. Sources were also forecasting that the so-called Val Doonican" sessions, in which Mr Major answers questions perched on a bar stool, would be quietly

dropped.
The new accent on the strength of the Tory record and the party's capacity to confront challenges ahead should go some way to stem-ming the tide of criticism. Mr Clarke said: "We must

keep the courage of our convictions. We must take pride in our achievements. We must make clear the strength of our vision for the future. We do have the will to govern for the best of all

sons: to build on the success of the past decade and to make an even better country with a higher quality of life for the next generation."



## Ashdown takes message across the Channel

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown took his election campaign to the French channel port of Boulogne yesterday to show up the reluctance of the Conservative and Labour parties to debate Britain's future in

Visibly buoyed up by the party's modest rise in the weekend's opinion polls, making the Liberal Democrats the only beneficiaries of the War of Jennifer's Ear, Mr. Ashdown made clear that the agenda for Britain's sixmonth presidency of the European Community would form part of the negotiations

in a hung parliament. He said Liberal Democrat support for a minority Labour or Conservative government would be conditional on dropping the opt-out clause on a single currency negotiated by John Major in the Maastricht Treaty. The party would also demand a revision of Britain's decision not to join the social chapter of the

Surrounded by fellow European Liberal and radical party politicians, he said that for Labour and the Tories the word Europe "had been forgotten" during the

campaign.
These issues should be central to this election campaign," he said. "But the other two parties are hiding from Europe in order to hide their own divisions and splits."
When challenged by journalists on staging an election "stunt" by his day trip to France, Mr Ashdown retorted that the other parties were guilty of such tactics by refusing to debate the future of

Europe during the cam-

The warmth of the welcome from his continental colleagues, together with the latest polls, appears to have transformed the tense, battleworn campaigner of last Friday into a more confident, relaxed leader who has revived his habit of gazing at some distant, but clear

From the weekend polls the party seems to have attracted support from potential Labour and Tory voters who have been turned off by last week's bickering over the emotive health broadcast.

Although Mr Ashdown's strategy of keeping aloof from the furore led to less media coverage in the latter part of last week, it has paid off by sweeping up some dis-enchanted voters from the other two parties.

While the Liberal Democrat's party support dropped as low as 14 per cent in one nationwide poll last week, and even down to 7 per cent in Scotland, the latest surveys painted a far more optimistic picture. Two polls by ICM and Mori put the Liberal Democrats at 20 per cent. while NOP for The Mail on Sunday gave them 18 per cent and NOP's poll in The Independent on Sunday gave them 16 per cent.

The party's strategists last night put the finishing touches to their plans for attacking the "wasted votes syndrome". the focus for the remaining 10 days of the campaign. "The Winning Vote" strategy will be aimed at persuading voters of the Liberal Democrats' ability to win in the 259 seats, mostly Tory-held, where the Alliance came second in 1987. The polls repeatedly suggest that many voters who support the party's policies, particularly on education, would nevertheless vote Conservative or Labour because they did not believe the Liberal Democrats could

The party leadership will argue over the next week that neither the Tories nor Labour deserve a majority.Mr Ashdown told journalists on the trip back to Dover: "Britain governed by Tory or Labour with unfettered powers to govern this country would be



## Health seen as a potential winner despite dogfight

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH is to feature prominently in the remainder of Labour's general election campaign, including one of its last three party broadcasts. But as the campaign enters its last full week, Labour in-

tends today to take the calculated risk of bringing its shadow budget back into public focus by hammering home its message that eight out of ten families would be better off under Labour.

In a further effort to keep the electoral spotlight on its stronger policy suits, Labour is expected to turn to education tomorrow, setting out how it will spend the extra £600 million allocated by John Smith in the shadow

budget at the start of the valuable slots upon."

Senior party sources yesterday denied a report that the leadership had decided to scrap a second health broadcast after the furore caused by last week's on the story of fiveyear-old Jennifer Bennett. They said it had never been intended to devote another broadcast exclusively to

"We believe we have brought health back to the forefront of this campaign," a senior source said. "It will be featured heavily in our future campaigning and at least one of the broadcasts. But there are are other issues that we

It was predicted that, al-though Labour and the Tories might have suffered slightly because of the dogfight over the broadcast, Labour would gain in the week ahead. "When health is being

us, " one source said. One of the remaining broadcasts will focus on education. Tomorrow Jack Straw, shadow education secretary, will set out plans to repair old school buildings, increase provision for books, expand nursery education and keep classes below a maximum of 40 children.

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Neil Kinnock and Mr Straw will also speak of the need to improve the quality of teaching. Mr Smith and Mr Kinnock will stress today how their budget plans will benefit the average families. The decision to turn the spotlight on their budget by highlighting their "budget for families" suggests confidence that they may have weathered the Conservatives' tax assault.

Labour sources have been boosted by the internal criticism of the Tory campaign. A source said: "The Tories clearly don't think they can win this election by stressing their own policies - otherwise they would have done that already. Now if they con-tinue going for us on tax, defence, on Kinnock they are going to come in for further criticism about negative campaigning."

Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary and one of

#### No sign of jitters at Major's party

By Philip Webster

Tohn Major's birthday passed without any out-ward sign of jitters

yesterday. Even the blackcurrant and orange jelly served to Tory backroom staff during a short break for celebrations was "wobble-free," ac cording to the spin doctors. If the prime minister felt any anxiety about his par-ty's position in the polis, he was not showing it as Tory workers gave him a cake, a card and two stirring rendi-

tions of Happy Birthday.

Mr Major was in good form, still enthusing about his encounter with demonstrations. strators in Luton on Saturday when he climbed atop a

soapbox.

He had had a moment's fright. He told of how he had seen a man with a tattoo on his forehead, crewcut hair, leather jacket, open shirt and "great hairy chest" clambering his way through get to him.

"As he got closer. I thought 'Oh dear, this is it," Mr Major recalled. "Good on yer, John, said the man and moved away as quickly as he had

Mr Major began his 49th birthday at Chequers and attended the Mothering Sunday service with Norma at the nearby St Peter and St Paul church at Ellesborough, Bucks.

His presents included books, cricket videos and a Goon Show tape. He was said not to have given a thought to the idea that, if things go wrong for him on April 9, he would only be able to spend one more weekend at the prime minis-

ter's country residence. 'No politics. It's a Sunday," he told reporters at the church. There was no chink in his confident demeanour. Were the polls getting him down? "Why should they," he riposted.

Later, waving a cake-knife in front of the same press group who had by now arrived at his party, Mr Major mused: "Isn't it tempting?" As he prepared to plunge in the knife, photographers urged him to make a wish. "It's not a wish; it's an expectation," said Mr Major, earning

three cheers.
Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, whose head will be on the block should the Tories fail, wished Mr Major a "happy return" to Downing Street. Mr Major told staff to save some cake for the 10th.

#### Smith puts **VAT back** on agenda

By JILL SHERMAN

LABOUR yesterday renewed its attack on the Conservatives' record on VAT, claiming that the party could not be trusted over its promises not to widen or to raise VAT.

John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, at a press conference, compared the words of John Major last week with those used by Sir Geoffrey Howe in April 1979, weeks before Vat rose from 8 per cent to 15 per cent.

Last week John Major said: "We have no plans and no need to extend the scope of

Eleven years ago, Sir Geoffrey said: "We have absolutely no need to extend the scope of

Vat." Mr Smith said: "Since 1979 the rate of Vat has more than doubled to 17.5 per cent and its scope has already been significantly extended. These are the facts which expose the Tories false assurances about Vat." If the To-

ries were reelected. Vat could be raised to 22 per cent or applied more widely, he said. Meanwhile, Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, disputed Neil Kinnock's claim that tax rates had no effect on how hard people worked. "Tell that to the people in eastern Europe who kept only a fraction of what they carned ... tell that to the people taxed at 83 per cent under the last Labour government who fled Britain in Labour's brain

## Spice up the campaign with dial-an-argument

What a lacklustre cam-paign! I thought the party leaders made a pretty poor show of Mothering Sunday, didn't you? Were there no mothers to kiss, no photo opportunities with Interflora? All we got from the Tories was the usual drivel about "family values" and all Labour offered was more

tosh about working mums. Abstract nouns are useless. What we need is visible show. My own favourite politician, ex-president Bokassa. of the Central African Republic, apparently read for the first time about Mother's Day in Time Magazine, decided it was time to honour the mothers of central Africa, went down to the local jail in Bangui with a platoon of sol-diers, demanded that all prisoners who had committed crimes against their mothers be produced, and beat them

tal streak in a politician's nature. Just an old softy. Display is what it's all about. In a modern cam-paign, words like "explain", "discuss", "propose" or, "de-

to death with sticks. This

demonstrated the sentimen-



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MATTHEW PARRIS

bate" are elbowed aside by that wonderfully televisual word "show". Don't tell me, show me. What cannot be shown, preferably in less than two minutes with accompanying sound-bites, lacks impact. This may explain why, in even the few elections that I've been on the doorstep, real canvassing is on the wane. Candidates are doing it less, their election teams are treating it more as a token activity, and the media no longer give it the attention they did. It is not just that television

and radio offer efficient ways of hitting larger numbers of voters in a shorter time, but that voters themselves are no longer impressed. Why bother with a doorstep homily from your local candidate when you can have reports of Edwina Currie pouring orange juice on Peter Snape's head, at the flick of a switch?

In this election, some ministers and shadow spokesman are hardly canvassing at all.

Francis Maude, Tory can-didate for North Warwickshire, still is. On Saturday this column described his chilly Friday afternoon in a West Midlands village. I mentioned his encounter with a pensioner who had enjoyed a Maude vs Clare Short scrap on the radio: but I omitted the pensioner's final question, as Mr Maude turned to go. "Is Neil with

"Neil who?" asked Maude. 'Neil Kinnock. Is he t first Maude was baf-

Affed, but then we realised the explanation. This voter's only experience of modern politics was of candidates from opposing parties having rows with each other on radio and television. The

seconds from one party's representative without an immediate rejoinder of similar length from one, or two, of his rivals. Mr Maude's constituent had now had a full four minutes of this candidate. Maude was about to depart. Something was obvi-ously missing. He had assumed that in real life politicians travel around in pairs or trios, yelling at each other, just like on TV.

broadcasting rules of "bal-ance" dictate that you almost

never get more than about 30

Well why not? Could this be the way to breathe new life into an old tradition? Could the discerning voter not demand that, rather than watch edited exchanges on TV, candidates bring the real thing to his doorstep? I have it in mind that constituency campaigns might include a travelling roadshow featuring all three (or more) candidates, the entire trio arriving at your door to have an argument for you there and then,

on demand. Voters could be asked what they would like the candidates to argue about. The NHS, defence, single mums ... and the candidates would oblige. You might even be able to telephone in advance, as you can for a pizza delivery, and order your own special combination. Instead of cheese and tomato (deep pan) with anchovies and ofives, it might be Tory, Labour and Liberal Democrat (no holds barred, please), with an SNP candidate thrown in. having a row (small, medium or large) about foreign affairs, family values and rural bus services. They could be round on scooters within 10 minutes.

For the national campaign, the party leaders should pool transport and occupy a specially constructed triple decker bus, one deck to each entourage. Every half hour the three men would join each other on the platform and have a blazing argument for the cameras and journalists. Edwina Currie and Peter Snape could follow behind in a taxi, pouring drinks on each other's heads.

Where the bus actually went, or whether it moved at all, would be, I suggest, a matter of little importance.

the campiagn chiefs, confirmed last night that health would be an important issue for Labour right up to April 9. "It will feature extremely strongly. We would be foolish in the extreme if we were to contemplate moving away from an agenda that is of such great importance to the lives of thousands of people and on which they clearly demonstrate their trust in Labour."

Lib Dems' doggedness starts to pay off as poll support rises and political broadcast outshines its rivals

## Ashdown must tread a perilous path

By Ivor Crewe

PADDY Ashdown's energetic campaigning, especially his risky pledge to raise income tax to fund education, appears to have paid off. Liberal Democrat support has increased from an average of 15 per cent in the Sunday newspaper polls a formight ago to 16.6 per cent last weekend and to 18.2 per cent

yesterday.
The significance of this mini surge should not be exaggerated. Support for the Liberal Democrats is still five per cent down on the Alliance's vote in 1987. On the assumption of a uniform national swing they stand to lose five seats to Labour. Most Liberal Democrat MPs are elected on big personal votes which cushions them from unfavourable national swings and the diminution of that swing has probably saved

their skins.

Will the Liberal Democrats advance or retreat in the remaining ten days of the campaign? Since it started. Liberal Democrats have won over two Conservatives for every Labour voter and since the 1987 election the Liberal Democrats have made net loses to the Labour party but net gains from the Tories. Whatever the views of Liberal Democrat MPs, their voters are closer in their views and electoral history to the Tories than to Labour. That could

pose Mr Ashdown a problem. Despite the softness of their vote, Liberal Democrat leaders have two grounds for opti-mism. The first is the pattern of their advance in the polis. In February 1974, 1979 and 1983 support for the Centre fell back in the opening days of the campaign, held steady in the second and third week. and only picked up in the final week. Even in 1987, when disagreements between David Owen and David Steel crippled the Alliance's campaign, it picked up tactical voters in the final three days. This time the Liberal Democrats were barely squeezed in

the opening week and have started to climb at an earlier point than before.

Secondly, tactical voting may provide a bigger boost than usual. Normally it looses the Centre more votes than it gains. For tactical voting to work the Centre must squeeze the Labour vote in Tory seats and benefit from an anti Tory swing. In the past three elections it has done the former but not the latter, and thus picked up next to no seats (except in Scotland, where there was a strong swing against the Tories).

This time the regional pat-tern of tactical voting may work to the Liberal Democrats' benefit. Each of the three Mori/Times polls in this campaign have asked respon-dents how they would vote if they "thought that the Liberal

#### Struggling to decide

PEOPLE are finding it harder to make up their minds in the 1992 campaign than for many years past. Whether it is the closeness of the contest or the narrowing of the divisions on policy, a fifth of the electorate, nearly nine million people, are still saying that they may change their minds between now and polling day. That com-pares with less than an eighth at the same stage in

cannot make up their minds who to vote for is also nearly a fifth higher than at the same stage of the last elec-

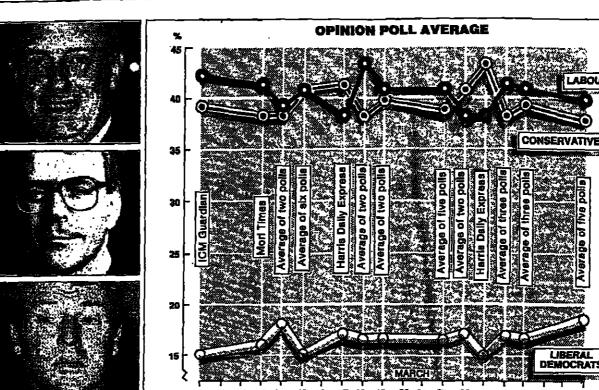
Altogether floating voters (those who have not yet de-cided plus those who say they may change their mind) amount to 28 per cent of the 43 million electorate, ac-cording to the latest Mori poll. That leaves the party managers with more than ten million voters to target between now and April 9.

Democrats were likely to win in this constituency? The proportion answering Liberal Democrat was 35 per cent in weeks one and two and 41 per cent last week - more than double the Liberal Democrais' actual support.

Answers to such a hypothetical question must be treated with considerable caution: many voters are unaware or misinformed of the tactical situation in their constituency. But it is significant that willingness to switch from Tory to Liberal Democrat is strongest in the South where the recession is severest and where most of the Lib Derns target seats lie. A regional analysis of the BBCs poll of polls confirms that the Tory vote has fallen furthest (by 8 per cent) and the Liberal Democrat vote has held up best (only 4 per cent down) in the South. This is the one region where, despite the drop in its vote since 1987, the Liberal Democrats are benefiting from a net swing

from the Tories.

Not surprisingly, Liberal Democrats plan to campaign relentlessly for tactical voting. But such a strategy presents them with an almost insoluble dilemma. To win over Tories it must convince them that it will not open the door of No 10 to Neil Kinnock: the Mori/Sunday Times poll found existing Liberal Democrats split three to two in favour of a coalition with the Tories rather than with Labour. But to squeeze the Lab-our vote as effectively as in 1987 the Liberal Democrats must convince Labour sympathisers that they will not maintain John Major in office. With the imminent prospect of a hung parliament Mr Ashdown will increasingly find himself in the spotlight in the coming week. He will be presented with an exceptional opportunity to him with a parliament when they are the parliament. win votes where they really count - but also to lose them. Ivor Crewe is professor of gov-ernment at Essex University.



## People-meter scores badly for Major

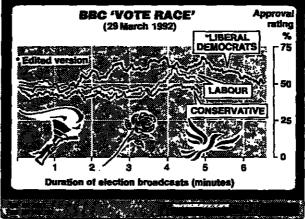
By ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Liberal Democrats' party political broadcast, produced on a shoestring compared with those of the two major parties, has struck a far more positive chord with the

Using the "people-metering", technique BBC Television's Vote Race programme traced the secondby-second reactions of 50 viewers' representative of the electorate as the election broadcasts were shown, monitoring the individual responses of party supporters and floating voters who

turned a dial as they watched.
The Liberal Democrat broadcast, in which Paddy Ashdown underlined his party's willingness to increase income tax by a penny to pay for better education, pro-duced a plus rating of 7 points above neutral.

Labour's controversial Jennifer Bennett film earned a negative average rating of mi-nus 1 and the Tories broad-cast attacking Labour's spending plans on the basis that they would cost every



taxpayer £1,250 a year was given the thumbs down with an average rating of minus 6. In an election in which television is playing a large part, such reactions could be

The people-metering reaction was even throughout the Labour health service PEB until Neil Kinnock spoke for a minute at the end of the broadcast to promise a modernised health service and the "choice between fear and hope", at which point it

soared. The Tory broadcast produced no peaks and troughs but a steadily negative response. The Liberal Democrats' rather longer PEB gained support steadily for the first five minutes, peaking with Mr Ashdown's promise of extra tax for better education, before dropping

off over the last two minutes.

The people-metering technique, developed in the United States by Richard Wirthlin, was first used to test

Ronald Reagan's speeches.

All were people-metered be-fore they were made, allowing him and his advisers to test out the "power phrases" and the "emotive tugs" and to find out what he could say to attract floating voters withgout alienating his own strong supporters. The Conservatives were making use of the idea until a year ago when they dropped it in economy cuts pushed through by Chris

Patten, the party chairman. Several recent speeches and interviews by leading per-formers in the election have been people-metered and the Liberal Democrat broadcast comes out with the best plus rating yet. A speech by Bryan Gould on the Tory betrayal of the C2s earned a rating of plus 2 and Neil Kinnock's Glasgow rally speech on Friday night on the NHS scored overall majority.

Mr Major's interview with Jeremy Paxman on Newsnight earned a neutral rating, as did a rally speech

#### Stalemate holds as squeeze is resisted

By ROBIN OAKLEY

THE 1992 election campaign remains a neck-and neck-affair, with neither Labour nor the Conservatives managing to establish a significant lead and both losing ground to the Liberal Democrats in recent days. Labour is still ahead by a small margin but the Tories have edged up.

The two major parties had expected to begin squeezing the Liberal Democrat vote at this stage. But the furore over the Jennifer Bennett broadcast appears to have damaged them both, to the benefit of the Liberal Democrats. who have picked up support in the weekend polls and pan-

el surveys.

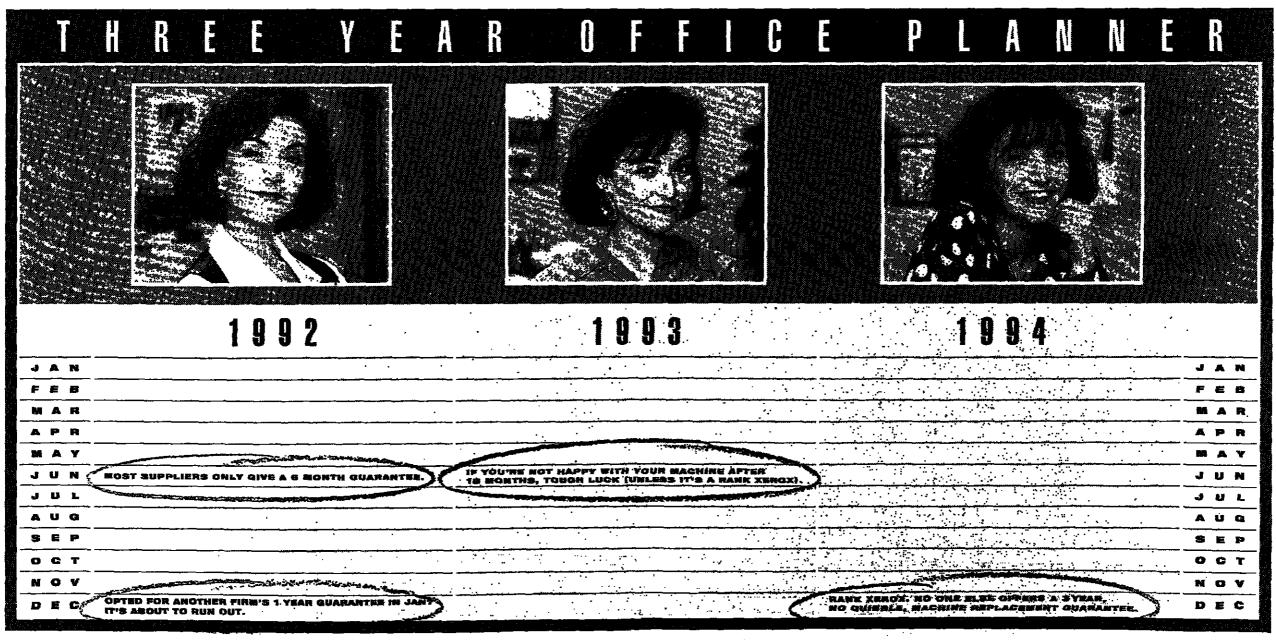
Precise calculations in polls of polls covering the past week vary according to vhich ones are included in the sample. The Sunday Times figures covered all faceto-face polls over the past week that sampled more than 1,000 voters; Labour was put on 40.3 per cent (down 0.8 points), the Tories on 38.7 per cent (up 0.2 points) and the Liberal Democrats on 16.9 per cent (up 0.3 points) 16.9 per cent (up 0.3 points).

The average of the five latest polls published yesterday puts Labour on 39.5 per cent (down 1 point compared with the previous weekend), the Tories on 38 per cent (down 0.5 points) and the Liberal Democrats on 18 per cent (up 1.5 points). Reproduced on a uniform swing on April 9, that would mean a hung parliament in which Labour had just over 300 seats and the Conservatives a little under

overall majority.

The Tories took heart from evidence that they were closing the gap on issues like health, education and unemployment. But the Sunday by Paddy Ashdown attacking the two major parties for not discussing the economy properly. Mr Major's interview with Robin Day scored only it as a prime issue of concern in deciding how to vote.

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## Kinnock vows help on public-sector pay

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AS THE economy again be-came the focus of the election campaign, Neil Kinnock pledged yesterday that pay rises for public servants under a Labour government would keep pace with those in the private sector.

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John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, was quick to clarify that that would be done only if it was affordable and fell within budgetary limits, while Michael Howard, employment secretary, claimed Mr Kinnock had got into "a pickle over public-sector pay". Mr Kinnock's promise, on London Weekend's Walden programme, appeared to go further than the Labour manifesto, which says that Labour would "halt the deterioration

would ensure that public-sec-tor pay was not left behind by rises in the private sector. "To stop the gap widening is the sensible thing to do. I would like to say we are going to close the gap but we are too

which has taken place in the pay and conditions of many

public-sector workers". Mr

Kinnock said that Labour

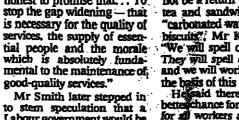
prudent, too realistic and honest to promise that ... To stop the gap widening - that is necessary for the quality of services, the supply of essential people and the morale which is absolutely fundamental to the maintenance of,

to stem speculation that a Labour government would be unable to stop public-sector pay spiralling out of control. He insisted that any pay policy would have to operate within budgetary constraints.
"We would set public-sector
pay within clearly defined
budgetary limits," he said. He appeared to be at odds with Mr Kinnock when he added: "There is a clear difference between halting deterioration and matching pay increases." Labour sources said pointed out later that the big rises in public sector pay that occurred in the Seventies were unlikely given the new constraints of the exchange rate mechanism.

Mr Howard was quick to exploit the confusion. Mr Kinnock dare not disappoint the public-sector unions; he said. "Labour would let their pay demands punch a huge hole in our public finances."

Pressed on Walden to say how he would stop a public sector-pay explosion if rises were pegged to those in the private sector, Mr Kinnock denied he would attempt to control the level of privatesector pay by fiat or pass any law to control percentage rises. There is no invisible thread between Whitehall and the companies in Britain that can be tugged in the ing private sector pay awards are running out of line."

Under a Labour government there would be a national economic assessment which would bring together the various negotiating parties and the economic interests, he said. The government would give them the picture of the economy over the next year and they would peg pay



the basis of this realism."

Heisaid there would be a beneachance for wages to rise

dimotivate workers. "People shive, thank God they strive, but the level of taxation does not affect it. Of course there are penal levels of taxation, but we will not impose these taxation, and the stream levels of taxation. or any level of income.' He said the 50 per cent tax rate would affect a minority of

highly motivated.

his party's tax pledges would

rises accordingly. It would not be a return to the days of tea and sandwiches or even "carbonated water and wafer biscuits", Mr Kinnock said. "We will spell out the truth. They will spell out the truth and we will work together on

for all workers as the economy jenoved out of recession and productivity rose. And he insided that a Labour gov-ernment would stick to budgetary parameters it had set itself. "We have made it clear wegare not going to spend more than we can afford. We have got to work our way out of the recession with the tools we have honed and Later Mr Kinnock denied

back down yesterday on his previous hard line on proportional representation in the event of a hung parliament. He said in an interview on Frost on Sunday on TV-am that it would be "appropripeople, most of whom were

By Nicholas Wood

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown, the Liber-

al Democrat leader, began to

ate" to include legislation in

parliament, which would last 18 months. But he did not press his threat to vote down the first Queen's Speech of a minority government unless it included a bill for propor-

tional representation. Some of his senior colleagues went further in preparing the ground for an intensive period of horsetrading if trends in current

opinion surveys are repeated on polling day and the election ends inconclusively.

Ashdown softens PR terms for power-sharing deal

Baby talk: Harriet Harman with Sam Cinamon, aged 21 weeks, at the London launch of Labour's policy proposals for the under-fives

Charles Kennedy, the party's president, and Sir David Steel, its foreign affairs spokesman, said it would open negotiations with a potential partner in return for a commitment that the next election would be held under

Sir David, a self-styled

"gradualist" on voting reform, said that his pre-condition for talks about the fouryear programme of a coalition government was "a commitment at least to consider the PR question as

Mr Kennedy suggested that the Democrats would be prepared to wait until towards the end of a parliament for PR to become law.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has promised in his election manifesto to enhance the authority of the Plant enquiry into voting systems. The unspoken message there is that Labour could bring other parties into a type of constitutional convention along the lines of that which recommended PR for Scotland and which Labour has



Smith: clarified leader's pledges on wage parity

MEDIAWATCH by Brian MacArthur

## Home truths hit a raw nerve

John Major minds what the papers say much more than any previous prime minister, according to The Sunday Times Magazine yesterday. He waits up at night for the early editions, is upset most by the papers that ought to be "onside", but is especially irritated by the small group at The Sunday Telegraph that still idolises Margaret

Thatcher.

As editors peppered their leading articles with summonses to Mrs That-cher and Michael Hesel-tine at the weekend, breakfast with the Majors must fast with the Majors must have been a pretty fraught affair. Few papers are more "onside" than the Daily Mail. Yet on Saturday the Mail quoted admiringly a statement from Mrs Thatcher that the real issues were the economy, defence and Europe. "The lady, God bless her, has thrown a typically well-directed bucket of cold water over this vanying, squealrected bucket of cold water over this yapping, squeal-ing, political dogfight," it declared. Mr Major and his government had 11 days left to "raise their game". Otherwise they de-served to lose.

A similar theme was developed in The Times which thundered that Mr Major spoke too much like a cautious Treasury apologist. "The gulf between the leaden spokesmanship of most members of the cabinet and the Archie Rice perforances of Michael Heseltine has become embarrassing ... Mr Major has now to find the will to win. He can only find it from within himself."

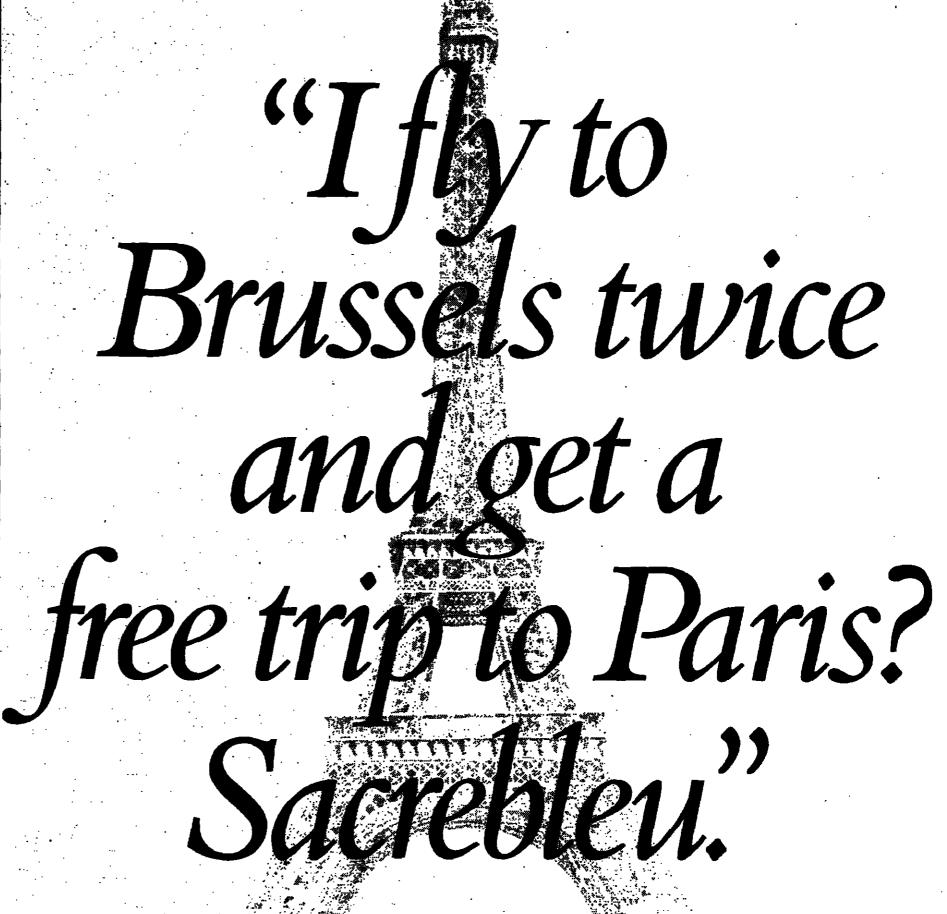
That comparison of Mr Major with Mrs Thatcher and Mr Heseltine was made again yesterday. On the front page of The Sunday Times, Mrs Thatcher was quoted com-plaining the Tory campaign did not have enough comph enough whizz, enough steam"
while Andrew Neil, the
editor, described Mr Major's progress round Britain as having all the force and direction of the "Marie Celeste". What the Tory campaign needed, Mr Neil said was a new campaign supremo - Michael Heseltine.

editor of The Sunday Tele graph, was not only discn-chanted with Mr Major, he was even asking whether it really mattered who was elected. At least Messrs Kinnock, Hattersley and Smith were all recognisable British types. he argued, but the Conservatives represented an not recognisably British at all and "scarcely even hu-man". What really worned him was that the Tory par-ty today represented the interests of the most internationalised sections of society on whom not much reliance could be placed to conserve the nation's character.

What also irked several commentators was the failure of the team sur-rounding Mr Major — de-rided as "baked bean salesmen" by The Mail on Sunday — to project his true character. Their over-marketing of Mr Major had undermined his fair-mindedness and made mindedness and made him look inept when he pretended to be a suburban Genghis Khan, the Observer said.

The real John Major did however shine through the profile in The Sunday Times Magazine, particu-larly in one revealing statement. "I still don't like the envy I see in society and I don't like the fear that many people face, and I think we can do something about it," Mr Major told Barbara Amiel. "I bate prejudice. And I loathe snobbery. I particularly hate prejudice based on colour or religion, of which there is still, alas, too

much in our society. The real Neil Kinnock also shone through an in-terview with Michael Ignatieff of the Observer in which Mr Kinnock admitted to an occasional twinge of class solidarity towards the Tory boy from Brixton. "At the last Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph, Kinnock pulled Major's sleeve just in time to prevent him lay-ing his wreath at the wrong moment," Ignatieff wrote. "Afterwards, Major was generous with thanks, and Kinnock observed: Neither of us were born to



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UROPEAN ALTERNATIVE

## Constituency profile

## High Tory prefers arguing on doorstep to baby-kissing

THE main advantage of a safe seat is that it loosens the tongue. In an election campaign which consists of politicians checking leaks or their reflections in camera lens, Nicholas Budgen, the sitting Tory candidate for Wolverhampton South West, is refreshingly troublesome.

Infamous for voting against his party at the slightest mention of European monetary union, and for his hard line on immigration, Mr Budgen is more of an arguer than a baby-kisser on the doorstep. His constituents are used to that, for until 1974, this seat was held by Enoch Powell.

"I do argue for strict conthat's as much for the immigrants already here as the indigenous population." Mr Budgen says. "I just don't think arranged marriages should be a way into the country for untrained Pun1987 general election result: N. W. Budgen (C) 26,235; R. Lawrence (Lab) 15,917; B. Lamb (SDP/All) 9,616. Conservative majority 10,318.

jabi peasants. I'm not a frightened Liberal. As soon as you talk about immigration you're bound to be called racist, but that's the necessary exaggeration of politics." The constituency is at least

one-fifth Asian, and Dr Simon Murphy for Labour, and Colin Hallmark, the Liberal Democrat, might expect such statements to significantly reduce the 10,318 Tory majority. Not so. The Graiseley ward, which is 57 per cent Asian, has returned John Mellor, a Tory

Mr Mellor is also the chairman of the constituency association and he says: "A lot of the Asian population is on our side. They have got the same interests as us - they've

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got their own businesses. their own homes, and family life and religion are very important to them, and those are Conservative values."

In the street, an elderly Sikh man wards off Mr Budgen with growis of "Labour". Unflustered, the politician rolls on: "Hello madam. How are you?" The woman grunts. "Well done!" says Mr Budgen. At the shopping parade, a man in a car spots the Conservative more by his 1930s-cut green tweed suit with turn-ups and a waistcoat than by the blue rosette.

"How's the war going?" he shouts. This is language Mr Budgen understands. He bares his Staffordshire Regiment tie at the supporter and says: "I'm just a junior subaltern away from the front. All I know is what's in the papers."
The man nods: "Well, its
Nell's birthday today, and I
hope it rains." He drives off.

Mr Budgen says support is "robust" in this area, where the mock-Georgian doors and carriage lamps on former council houses signify as much as a party poster.

Better-off pensioners, who are mostly insulated from the

recession, have rather arcane obsessions. What is Nick going to do to prevent the Staffordshire Regiment amalgamating with the Cheshires? Answer: wear his Cheshires? Answer: wear his supporters tie. How does he stand on Scottish indepen-dence? Answer: it needs a

Despite the polls showing a

East, Mr Budgen finds Wolverhampton's middle class are less badly affected. Every shopkeeper says business is bad, but there is still business to be had. Unemployment is about 10 per cent.

Of course, Mr Budgen, a confirmed and lonely monetarist, blamed it all on the European exchange rate mechanism and "servile shadowing" of the mark. During the recent Budget debate he was politely asked to keep his views to himself for the sake of party unity.

He echoes Mrs Thatcher's feelings that the Conserva-tives are avoiding "the two great issues" of Europe and the economy and moans that campaigning has become intellectually flabby and far too presidential. Mr Budgen says that this election is showing how relatively unimportant politics is to people, but as a high Tory he considers that a sensible proposition. One of his supporters, Peter

Wesson from Tettenhall, a ritzy suburb which Mr Powell once described as a balcony hampton, thinks the Tory campaign lacks spark. Mr Wesson is delighted that there will still be some "good old fashioned public meetings, particularly next Friday's with Enoch. You see, people here are prepared to accept a degree of indepen-dent thinking," he says, nod-ding at Mr Budgen.

A sulphurous grin crosses the Tory candidate's face. and he less loose some unpubing. "It's not that I believe my prejudices are the objective truth, but they should at least



Candid views: "It's not that I believe my prejudices are the objective truth"

## Britain's barometer shows stormy campaign ahead

large ethnic minority," he

says.

He sees the most important

local issues as the closure of

hospital wards and poor com-

muter services. "The rolling stock on the North Kent line

is the same as my father used to travel to work in," he says.

There is also concern about

the threat to the green belt

GRAVESHAM, a chunk of north Kent a few miles down the Thames from the London conurbation, is the most ac-curate political barometer in Britain: in every general elec-tion since 1923, with the solitary exception of 1951, it has voted in the candidate of the winning party nationally. As Gravesham goes, so does

Confirmation that next week's result is likely to be a close call was provided by a poll in the constituency which showed the Labour and Conservative candidates level on 44 per cent, with the Liberal Democrat on 11 per cent.

Gravesham comprises the towns of Gravesend and Northfleet and a scattering of well-to-do villages. The population includes white-collar commuters and a sizeable Sikh community, which be-came established during the 1960s. Gravesend has come down in the world since its heyday as the principal ferry port for travellers to and from London, and its later brief spell as a fashionable watering place, but is still a base for the Port of London's health,

customs and pilot services. The area is scarred by chalk pits supplying a large cement works, but much of the paper industry, which used to be the town's biggest employer, has fallen victim to foreign competition, and unemployment is running at over 10 per cent. The Labour candidate,

Graham Green, is a solicitor, aged 38, who was born and bred locally. He sees the recession as the main issue, and one which has affected the planned relief road for the Medway towns.

1987 general election result: J A Arnold (C) 28,891; M A Coleman (Lab), 20,099; R I Crawford (Lib/All) 8,724. Jacques Amold, a former banker, aged 44, who won the seat for the Conservatives in 1987, admits that the recession has hit hard. "We did quite well during most of the middle classes as well as man-Eighties, but we've had a ual workers. "We have many pretty rough time in the last two years, and that has shakof the features of the industrial North: unemployment, old industries in decline and a en confidence in Conservative

In the Conservatives' favour are the "excellent" local schools, three of which have recently opted by large parental majorities to become grant-maintained he says. He accuses Labour of scaremongering on the health issue and points out that a large new district hospital is planned for the area



Close call: Jacques Arnold says that the past two years have shaken confidence in Tory policies

## **Recession rules in** Labour stronghold

BY RONALD FAUX

HIGH unemployment has had a curious impact on Kirkby, Merseyside. Every-one travels by taxi. A line of black cabs stretches more than 400 yards from the civic centre, a rank of rumbling diesels shuffling forward in

perpetual motion to pick up A housewife unloads a suermarket trolley into a cab boot and explains that her car went back to the garage when her husband lost his job. She finds the deregulated bus service between her home and Kirkby centre unreliable, the fare is 80p and there is a wrestling match with the shopping. A taxi door-to-door costs El and takes half the

The driver adds his side to the economic argument. So many men have invested redundancy money in cabs that 300 taxis operate in the borough, plus a host of minicabs that are even cheaper. Driving is the only skill many workers can employ, so com-petition is fierce and fares are rock bottom.

Kirkby lies on the northern fringe of Liverpool, part of the Knowsley North constituency where George Howarth has little difficulty defending a Labour majority of 21,098. Here is an unassailable base of socialism, where general elections are a nubber stamp and all ills are blamed on the

Kirkby is a mid-Sixties creation of fast-build concrete and brick, architecture that looks neat on a drawing board but which quickly takes

THOWSLE OWNERS.

1987 general election result: GE Howarth (Lab) 27.454; R Cooper (Lib/All) 6,356; R C A Brown (C) 4,922; D Hallsworth (Red Front) 538. Lab maj: 21,098.

neglect or vandals make their mark. The job centre and are in a tall office block known locally as "The House of Plenty". The town is into its second recession, having never escaped the first. Since the mid-1980s, more than 3,000 manufacturing jobs have gone and male unemploy-ment has reached 35 per cent, 10 per cent higher than

the Merseyside average.

When the planners created
Kirkby to provide homes and
jobs for Liverpool's inner-city overspill, Bird's Eye, Massey Ferguson and Bendix were among the companies that moved in and generated 34,000 jobs. They have since moved away and the area provides 9,000 jobs, few more than before Kirkby appeared on the map.

Mr Howarth believes that

support for Labour will increase even beyond the 69.9 per cent of 1987, because voters believe that the party has a good chance of forming the next government. Emigration from Kirkby and Knowsley is high and he suspects that others have disappeared from the electoral roll since the community charge was introduced, but that such losses will not prevent Kirkby from remaining an impreg-nable Labour stronghold.

ITALIAN VIEW

#### **Passions** remain unleashed

By Paolo Filo della Torre

"Today", I told my deputy editor, Sigi Pietro Jozzelii. John Major repeated that people would have to pay much more in income tax under Labour, but shadow chancellor John Smith replied that the Conservatives might well increase VAT."

Jozzelli replied: "It sounds boring. A thousand words about Sean Connery campaigning for the SNP in Scotland would make much better copy.

He was right. In the absence of great issues, elec-tions only come alive if colourful personalities are on the stump. The British elec-tion has so far been notable for its lack of both.

Niceness is all very well. but all it produces is a big yawn. Never have I had so much difficulty interesting my readers in a British gen-eral election.

The party managers are doing their best to make John Major and Neil Kinnock look resolute, but with poor results. Where is the smell of cordite, the passions unleashed, the sound of warriors charging ael Foot led the Labour party have real socialist ideals been the currency of politics here. while Mrs Thatcher was dethroned by her "loyal" foilowers precisely because her capitalist. convictions and relish of the fight were too

Major's measured tones and Kinnock's verbiage miserably fail to disguise the obvious — that Britain's present political leaders are no longer fired by

John Major has been in-vited to unleash the dogs of war against Labour, but can anyone seriously imagine him unleashing anything more threatening than a spaniel? We're all nice guys

But the Conservatives seem unsure how to play the nice guy card. When it failed to fire the troops, they called Mrs Thatcher in to do what they ditched her for doing uttering her unmistakeable battle cry. No sooner had she done so than they seemed terrified at the thought that she might upstage her suc-

know what to do with her. An old Italian waiter at the served Sir Winston Churchill with a dessert that failed to excite him. "This cake does not have a theme," the great man grumbled. The election campaign is like Sir Winston's pudding.

It is also totally insular. Where is the debate about Europe, which after all was the catalyst for Mrs Thatch-er's downfall? In any other country an issue which aroused such strong feelings would be given a good run in an election campaign, but in Britain the politicians cower from the possibility.

Of course Britain is not the

only country to be facing elections this year. Italians themselves go to the polls less

than a week earlier.

If Italians feel the spring sap rising in their veins they might vote for the beautiful Moana Pozzi and her Partito dell'Amore. What more revealing contrast between our two national characters than Moana and her Party of Love and the notorious Lindy St Clair and her Corrective Party? But in Britain the beautiful Moana would be confined to Page 3 of the tabloid press.

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## Livingstone shoots from the hip as party turns its back

ELECTION campaigns can be as unpredictable as russian roulette.

Labour party managers fear Ken
Livingstone is the loaded chamber.

"Are you in favour of devaluing
sterling, even though it contradicts
official Labour policy?" a television
crew asks him in a schoolroom in
Dollis Hill, part of his narrowly-held north London constituency of Brent East. The skin flushes, the eyes swivel. "You've been asked to say that by M15, who sent you here just to destabilise my campaign."

It is, of course, a joke for the cutting room floor by a man who knows his reputation and plays up to it. The bigger joke is that, to the guardians of Mr Kinnock's Labour party, Mr Livingstone's serious campaign message is as whacky as his Red-Ken asides. He plays the jilted Miss Havisham of the party, entangled in his time warp, all dressed up with nowhere to go.

"I suspect that a vast majority of Labour MPs are in favour of a

1987 general election result: K.R. Livingstone (Lab) 16,772; Ms H.S. Crawley (C) 15,119; D.W. Finkelstein (SDP/AII) 5,710; R.Q. Dooley (Ind Lab) 1,035; M. Litvinoff (Grn) 716. Labour majority 1,653.

devaluation . . . you need 15 per cent to make it clear to the market. I am in favour of that, along with everyone else who supports industry. Like the Institute of Directors and the Confederation of British Indusmy? "They're just fronts for the Tory

On health he says: "Labour has said it is going to put in another £1 billion. That's not enough." Does he favour unilateralism, which also left the Labour party as the double-breasted Marks & Spencer suits arrived? "Oh, absolutely!... Without the constraints of de-

mocracy, how many people might Thatcher have killed in her lust for

power around the world? In ten years she'll probably replace Guy Fawkes as an effigy.'

Will Mr Kinnock make a good prime minister? "I noticed it when I became leader of the GLC: everything becomes much easier. You suddenly have all that help and you get the last say on everything. Very few people can be so bad that they don't grow in stature when they become leader." Is that an endorse-

How free is Mr Livingstone to state his own views? "My duty as a candidate is to tell people the truth." Is he surprised that Labour headquarters fears that he might disrupt the image of the new, moderate, we're-all-free-marketeers-now Labour party by making an indiscreet comment? "It's a valid fear because of what the Daily Express and the Daily Mail would do with it. If I blow my nose they would say I'm trying to spread germ warfare."

Just how scared Labour headquarters is about "loony left" headlines during the campaign is underlined by Mr Livingstone's schedule. He moves from school halls in Dollis Hill to handing our leaflers on Willesden high road, then back to school halls. When you ask headquarters for the telephone number of the Brent East Labour campaign office, nobody knows, which tells you how chummy the party plans to get with Mr Livingstone for the next formight.

Barred from speaking at mass railies, Mr Livingstone turned up to lower-key events like the debate at William Gladstone Community School in Dollis Hill, with Damian Green, the Conservative candidate, and Mark Cummins, the Liberal Democrat, to take questions from pupils, followed by a mock vote.

It is hard to know what II-yearolds made of his complex arguments on devaluation, history lessons on imperialism, the need to force the vultures in the City to invest their capitalist profits — creamed from honest workers — in Britain rather

than in New York skyscrapers. These were remarks fashioned for

the BBC2 sound-bite, not the Dollis Hill school hall. Had a pupil asked if he liked chocolate, Mr Livingstone would have launched into a speech about how West African cocoa farmers were exploited by Western imperialists, to sate bourgeois palates.

Like Disraeli before him, Mr Livingstone still dreams that the time will come when the people will hear him. In the meantime he will continue practising, in whichever hall is available and to whoever is willing to listen, however young they might be. Politics has become so dull, we are probably lucky that he does.

The result of the pupils' vote arrives: Cummins 2, Green, 47, Livingstone 130. "Fully justified," says Mr Livingstone, who is defending a majority of 1,653.

If the William Gladstone school's result were repeated nationwide it would mark the biggest Labour landslide since 1945. But Mr Kinnock might think a revitalised Ken Livingstone too high a price to pay, even for such an extravagant triumph on April 9.

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## All the main parties have tried to strike coalition deals in hung parliaments



Thorpe: his colleagues rejected Heath's offer

Hung parliaments have occurred four times since the first world war: in 1923-4, in 1929-31, in February 1974, and in the spring of 1977. The first three occasions resulted from general elections, the fourth from the Labour government's loss of its majority through erosion

during a parliament.

The election of December
1923 returned the Conservatives as the largest party, with 258 seats. But they were far short of an overall majority, because Labour, with 191 seats, and the Liberals, with 159, together substantially numbered them.

Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader, remained prime minister until the new

Liberal demands for electoral reform have featured since the minority Labour government of 1929, John Grigg writes

parliament mer in January. Then the Conservatives were defeated by a combined Labour and Liberal vote, and Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, was invited to form a minority government.

Meanwhile, there had been

alarm at the prospect of the socialists coming to power. Efforts had been made to promote a Conservative-Liberal coalition. Baldwin and Herbert Asquith, the Liberal leader, were against the idea, so it never happened. King George V was reluctant but soon con-

duded that Labour should be given its chance and sent for MacDonald.

Asquith rightly assumed that Labour would soon be out, but wrongly believed that he would then return to power. At the election which followed the Labour government's fall in the autumn, the Conservatives returned with an overwhelming majority and the Liberals were reduced to 40

After the next election, in May 1929, there was another hung parliament, because the nomic crisis in 1931.

Conservatives, though the largest party, had a majority of only 28 over Labour, and the Liberals, led by Lloyd George, held the balance with 59 sears. They had nearly doubled their vote compared with 1924 but their number of seats in Parliament only increased by 19.

loyd George, though a late Leconvert to electoral reform, demanded some movement towards for Liberal support for another minority Labour gov-ernment. But MacDonald played for time by setting up a Speaker's conference on the issue. Before a reform bill could be carried into law, the Labour government fell, over-whelmed by the world eco-

Heath, had a majority of the popular vote but were five short of being the largest party in parliament. Heath offered Jeremy Thorpe, the Liberal leader, a coalition with a seat for him in the Cabinet. But Heath could offer no worthwhile move on electoral reform, and Thorpe's colleagues

rejected the proposal. Before the end of the year there was a second election, at practice. which Labour secured a narrow overall majority. But this disappeared in early 1977 and the government would have fallen but for an arrangement negotiated by James Calla-ghan, the Labour leader, with David Steel, the new Liberal

there was no concession on electoral reform for Britain.

Today's Liberal Democrats under Paddy Ashdown will not contemplate coalition, or any arrangement to keep either of the larger parties in power, unless electoral reform is conceded in principle and in

If there is a hung parliament after April 9, the Queen's role will in the first instance be simple. She will send for the leader of the largest party and ask him to form a government. If he does so, without any attempt to

In February 1974, the Con-servatives, under Edward pact gave the Liberals all the is then defeated in Parliament. disadvantages of being in co- he will presumably ask for a alition with Labour, without dissolution. This, according to modern convention, will automatically be granted, and there will be another election.

> Should the resulting parlia-ment also be hung, the case for coalition would be hard to resist. Only if no elected party leader were able or willing to form a sustainable government should the Queen involve herself in the tricky business of making her own choice of a potential prime minister. This situation is improbable. In that very limited and hypothetical sense, the royal prerogative is still a

#### Northern Ireland

## Major letters bring hope to unionists

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

Downing Street to Unionist MPs seem to be coming thick and fast. Evidence, according to some, that the Tory "charm offensive" towards unionists is being stepped up as a hung parliament looks increasingly likely. In the past two weeks John Major has written twice to Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist party leader, and once to Ken Maginnis, Ulster Unionist

party security spokesman. The tone of the letters has been accommodating and understanding, though, in the case of the corres-pondence with Mr Paisley. the prime minister has offered him little of substance on a new security strategy for Northern Ireland. Even so. Mr Paisley gave pride of place to the correspondence at his election manifesto press conference in Belfast last week when he read out Mr

Major's second reply.

Afterwards he joked that he must be doing something right if no less a personage willing to fax him back within 36 hours in the middle of an election campaign. His critics, he said, liked to say that he was an MP of little importance. Clearly this was no

longer the case.

Democratic Unionist sources are encouraged that, for the first time, a prime minister seems to be taking their radical security analyses seriously, even if none of their recommendations is accepted. They are also heartened by his commitment to further talks, should he be returned

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While Mr Paisley talks openly about the prospect of post-election deals, the Ulster Unionists, irritated by what they see as his tactless and unsubtle approach, have said that they will not be involved

PERSONAL letters from Maginnis, who published his reply for the prime minister this weekend, assuring him that Britain would do no secret deals with Dublin on the union, said he did not believe his correspondence owed more to the election than to Mr Major's genuine concern at answering the questions he had raised.

Other Unionist MPs have noted a certain increase in the rate of compliments to them from the Labour party and believe that Labour is beginning to look seriously at postelection deals. Unionists are perhaps surprisingly uncon-cerned at Labour's policy commitment to a united Ireland by consent, believing that the historical record shows conclusively that Labour in power is as much a friend of the union — or more -than any Tory government.

It is widely accepted within unionist ranks, however, that Labour will have to sacrifice Kevin McNamara as Northern Ireland secretary. Neither party will accept him willingly and some unionists might threaten to pull out of the talks process if he is appointed.

As speculation on a hung parliament mounts, Ulster Unionist colleagues of the party leader, Jim Molyneaux, seem increasingly confident that his low-key strategy will play them into an advantageous position. They have a clear list of objectives, but will make no demands and will support a minority government, if the situation arises,

on an issue by issue basis.

Mr Molyneaux and his colleagues regard the contrasting strategy adopted by Paddy Ashdown and the Liberal Democrats as ill-conceived and doomed. They believe he has misunderstood the politics of a hung parlia-ment and has priced himself out of the market.



Trimmed image: Shirley Williams, the Liberal Democrat, being groomed for a television debate at Anglia TV's studios in Milton Keynes

#### Scotland

## Lang feels the full force as Tory tactics backfire

SCOTIAND'S political parties spent yesterday reviewing their campaign performances in the knowledge that, barring some unforseen electoral cataclysm, it would take some very hard work to alter the pattern of the past two weeks' polls in time for April 9. The Conservatives will have spent most of the day licking their wounds. With Labour safely guaranteed the majority of seats, the Tories have been tacitly encouraging nationalist support in the hope that it will bite into Labour's vote. But the tactic has backfired, with the SNP now looking increasingly threatening in three Tory seats, including that of Ian

Lang, the Scottish secretary. A week

ago Mr Lang sought to inject some zeal into his troops. The result seems to have been neglible.

A Mori poll for The Sunday Times Scotland showed that Tory support remained stuck on 20 per cent, four points below the party's 1987 performance when it won a derisory ten Scottish seats.

Just for a moment last week the Tory campaign seemed to be gather-ing pace when Sir Leon Brittan and Malcolm Rifkind ventured over the border to question nationalist asmptions that an independent Scotland would easily become a member of the European Community

It was significant that Sir Leon and Mr Rifkind, a former Scottish secretary, should direct their spleen

against the SNP. Mr Rifkind knew how to reach the headlines. A Scot himself, he was able to get away with the charge that the nationalists were motivated more by their dislike of England than their love for Scotland.

The departure of Sir Leon and Mr Rifkind saw the Tories returning to their bunkers. Today they will let loose Peter Lilley, trade and industry secretary. Since most Scots are unlikely even to have heard of him, it is a fair bet that the Scottish press will prefer to lead on Alex Salmond, SNP

leader, and his economic manifesto. Mr Lang continues to exude confidence, saying that the Tories have taken the initiative by concentrating on the constitutional issue. He might think up another initiative, since sup-

has actually fallen over the week from 23 per cent to 20 per cent, according to Mori. Backing for independence has remained static at 34 per cent and support for devolution has risen

two places to 44 per cent.

Once again the SNP has been shown unable to close the gap between support for the party and independence. Mori showed the nationalists still on 27 per cent, 15 points behind Labour. Albeit recording about double their support in 1987, they are still as far away from their predicted breakthrough.

Meanwhile the Liberal Democrats have been returned to double figures, 10 per cent, from last week's Mori poll, when they were down to nine.

#### Carey calls for moral vision

The Archbishop of Canter-bury has urged political par-ties to adopt a moral vision and to stand up for Christian values. Dr George Carey urged the politicians to help Britain to be less acquisitive and more compassionate towards less fortunate countries (Robin Young writes).

There needs to be a re-focusing of a moral vision which takes not only our needs as a nation, and there are many, but also takes on board that we are a very comfortable nation ... and that we ought to be compassionate and caring for the world outside our shores,"
Dr Carey said on BBC Radio
4's Sunday programme.
David Blackmore, of the

Keep Sunday Special campaign, called for election-free

#### Out of hospital The grandfather of Jennifer

Bennett, the girl featured in Labour's NHS election broadcast last week, was released from hospital yester-day. Peter Lee-Roberts, aged 74, collapsed while shopping on Saturday. He had not had a heart attack.

#### BR cash call

Three out of five people want the government to retain ownership of British Rail and invest to improve services, a MORI survey for the Better Rail Campaign found. The group is sponsored by the rail unions and supported by over 200 passenger and environmental groups. The survey interviewed 1,012 people between March 20 and 22.

#### Labour odds on

Labour is 8-13 favourite to win most seats on April 9. bookmakers Ladbrokes said. The Tories are 6-5 and the Liberal Democrats 400-1.

#### Lost hour

Jim Sillars, deputy leader of the Scottish National Party, failed to appear for an interview on Frost on Sunday because he forgot to change his clocks to British

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### **ATTENTION!!!**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PEOPLE WITH BJORK-SHILEY CONVEXO-CONCAVE ARTIFICIAL HEART VALVES (NOT THE MONOSTRUT) AND SPOUSES

This notice is for people with the Bjork-Shiley Convexo-Concave ("C-C") artificial heart valve, and their spouses and this informs you of your legal rights.

There has been a problem with a small number of these particular valves.

If you or your spouse has another Bjork-Shiley valve, such as the Monostrut, or some other manufacturers' valve, then this notice does not apply to you.

This is a legal notice to notify you of a lawsuit in the USA which also affects people outside of the USA. If you have a Bjork-Shiley C-C valve you are entitled to money and other benefits.

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A lawsuit in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, has been filed on behalf of all people in the world with the Bjork-Shilev C-C valve. The name of the lawsuit is Bowling, et al v Shiley Incorporated and Pfizer Inc, Case No C-1-256. It is pending before Judge S Arthur Speigel in the US District Court in Cincinnati, Ohio. This notice provides you with some brief information about this lawsuit.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A C-C VALVE? If you received a heart valve before 1979, or after 1986, you probably do not have a C-C valve.

You can tell if you have a C-C valve by looking at your implant card if you received one after your surgery. If you have a Bjork-Shiley valve and the serial number of your valve has the letter "C" in it, you have a C-C valve. If the serial number does not have the letter "C", you do not have a C-C valve. Your doctor may also b able to help you find out if you have a C-C valve.

ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A C-C VALVE, THIS NOTICE DOES NOT AFFECT YOU. IF YOU DO HAVE A C-C VALVE, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

#### WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The settlement being considered by the court in Ohio provides:

- a payment to you or your spouse that can be used for any purpose, including consultation with a physician or other health care provider;
- additional medical research that may benefit you;
- the availability of a guaranteed, prompt settlement should a fracture of the valve occur. In that event if you do not accept the guaranteed payment, you may seek compensation through arbitration, or file

Please complete the "Information Form" to obtain more details about the settlement.

THE HEARING A hearing on the settlement will be held before Judge Speigel on June 5th, 1992, at 10.00am, Courtroom 842, United States Post Office and Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, to determine whether the settlement is fair. You or your lawyer may attend.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

If you have reason to believe that you or your spouse has a C-C valve, you should get more information by completing and returning the "Information Form" below without delay.

Returning the "Information Form" will not commit you to any course of action, but will provide you with the information you need to protect your rights. Also, returning the form will assure that the court has your name and address so that you can receive the money and other benefits of the settlement, if you do not exclude yourself from the lawsuit.

You may feel you need further legal information, if so you may receive it without charge to yourself by indicating this in the appropriate space on the "Information Form".

You may also object to the settlement, or exclude yourself from the lawsuit. These terms, and their implications for you, are explained in the information you will receive after you return the "Information Form". You will not be able to object or exclude yourself, however, unless you do so in writing to Daniel J. Lyons, Jnr., Deputy Clerk, United States Post Office and Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, USA, by no later than June 1st, 1992.

If you do not exclude yourself, you will be bound by the settlement and will not be allowed to bring a lawsuit relating to your or your spouse's C-C heart valve, except to enforce the settlement agreement or if the valve malfunctions.

#### IMPORTANT

	INFORMATION FORM
	Name of valve recipient
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5	Spouse name
	Address if different
1	Mail to: Stanley M Chesley Esq Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley Co., L.P.A. 1513 Central Trust Tower Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202 USA FAX (513) 621-0262 Mr Chesley is a lawyer appointed by the court to represent C-C valve patients and their spouses worldwide.
	I would like to be contacted by a European based lawyer appointed by Mr Chesley who will communicate with me in the following language (indicate one only):
•	Dutch English French German Greek Italian Portuguese Spanish
Į	Please obtain proof that you or your spouse is a recipient of a Bjork-Shiley C-C heart valve. You will be asked to provide this information at a later time to support your claim.

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## Anglo-Argentines bat on in defence of tea and scones



oed across the Hurlingham Club cricket field on the outskirts of Buenos Aires as the home team caught out the touring Rosslyn cricket club's last batsman to beat them by 127 runs on the 10th anniversary of the Falklands war. As the home side and the

visitors from north London headed for the colonial-style pavilion for tea with scones and jam, rather than the typical Argentine late Sunday lunch of barbecued beef, the visitors were consoled by the knowledge that they had lost to a team which they called more British than the British", a team of Anglo-Argentines who think of themselves as British in all but one respect. "We could never totally take the British side over the

Falklands war," said Brian Roberts, one of the Hurlingham batsmen. "The conflict eventually pushed us to decide that we were closer to Argentina because we lived living here. In the past ten years our community has integrated much more. The war was like a push which forced

us to decide." Otherwise the Anglo-Argentine community is well known for its efforts to maintain traditions and is considered an isolated community with eccentric habits. The Hurlingham Club is one of the last reminders of British influence in Argentina, an enclave of a dwindling but traditional Anglo community. The 103-year-old club. which looks distinctly like a

The British in Argentina found their loyalties divided by the Falklands war and now their children prefer to speak Spanish, Gabriella Gamini writes

brickbuilt railway station of days gone by, was founded by some of the first British settlers in Argentina, who arrived to build the railways in

First it was used for horse racing. British landowners and businessmen bet with the money they made in Argentina. Then came golf for the railway managers, and eventually polo and cricket. Horse racing is the only pursuit that no longer exists. The club also prides itself on having Argentina's only three lawn tennis courts, which are used by Gabriella Sabatini, the Argentine tennis star, for Wimbledon practice. "We are trying hard to keep

our British traditions, and cricket is one of them. We take cricket jolly seriously." Michael Roberts, the Hurlingham captain, said. "We made sure the native craze for football was never allowed." Footballs, indeed, are banned from the club's 170-acre

But the tiny crowd which sat down to join the players

for tea was a sign of a commu-nity in decline. When British migration was at its height between the two world wars, a time when Argentina was referred to as "the bread basket of the world", the community had numbered more than 400,000. Today there are fewer than 30,000.

"I am afraid we are dying out rather rapidly. Forty years ago there were splendid crowds for cricket, now you get just a handful. That's because there are not many true British left," said Mike Parsons, cricket correspondent for an English-language daily.

The community began to dwindle after the Perón regime between 1945 and 1955, when railways were nationalised, leading many

Anglos to migrate back to Britain.

Those who remained tried to isolate themselves, but the older generation now fears the young are becoming more 'Latin" and breaking away. "Our children are refusing to speak English, although we send them to proper schools." said Herbert Keen, aged 63. the general manager of the Hurlingham Club, whose family was among the earliest

"We've had to translate the cricket rules into Spanish. Luckily 'How's that?' just can-not be translated, so we'll keep some traditions, whatever," he added. Mr Keen has strict rules for accepting new members into the dub. They have to come highly recommended by other Anglos and

ship fee. "These days more and more Argentines join. We're becoming a rare breed," he said.

Andrew Black, aged 65. whose grandfather arrived in 1882 to build the railway which runs through Hurl-ingham, said: "We kept tell-ing our children that they were British, but outside the home they were learning to stick up for Argentina, so they opted to rebel against us.

"We thought that the war was a mistake. We feared that we'd suffer hostility, but never did, and therefore made sure that our Argentine friends knew we were not on any side," he added. "Most of us hope the whole dispute over those islands can be solved

#### Khmer Rouge attacked

## Battles mar Cambodian homecoming

By James Pringle in Phnom Penh and Our Foreign Staff

THE government in Phnom Penh announced yesterday it was launching a military operation against the Khmer Rouge guerrillas, setting back United Nations efforts for a ceasefire in Cambodia's embattled north.

The announcement came on the eve of a UN operation to repatriate 375,000 refugees from camps along the Thai-Cambodian border into the interior of the country. The first 600 refugees were to be transported today from camps just inside Thailand across the frontier to western

The outbreak of fighting will not affect them, but UN officials cite violations of the ceasefire as another problem facing the general repatria-tion effort. The first returning refugees will find find a country sown with landmines, arid and sun-baked.

Jean-Jacques Fresard, the head of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said the beginning of the homecoming to a land searching for peace "is a great human endeavour and a very difficult one".

Socialism has been aban-



talism in the cities, but the countryside still languishes in another century. The people here covet the land that is fertile and mine-free. There is only mine-free land available for the first few thousand returnees, but a start had to be made under the UN deadlines, so the first group makes the journey today escorted by Malaysian troops of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia from the Thai bor-

der to Sisophon. Prince Norodom Sihanouk said yesterday that he was

very worried about the situa-

tion. But the government of Thailand is tired of the burden, and in the world at large there is compassion fatigue. The first returning Cambodians will be given some land, "probably" mine-free, the frame for a house, some tools and the promise of food for

Refugees under 20 years old have known little of life outside the cosseted camps, of work in the ricefields, of contaminated drinking water, impoverished schools, poor

health care and malaria Yasushi Akashi, head of the UN peacekeepers, yesterday described the return as "historic", and certainly it is vital to the Cambodian peace process. Under the accord, the repatriation must be completed before UN-supervised elec-tions next year, allowing the UN to withdraw gracefully after the biggest peacekeep-ing operation in the history of the world body.

To those who witnessed the exodus of the Cambodians 13 vears ago, after the Vietnamese army toppled the Khmer Rouge, it is also a poignant moment. In early 1979, they came emaciated, tottering through the forests to topple over dead at the roadside, or lie screaming on the ground in the extremes of cerebral malaria - "as if their brains are boiling", as one doctor

Some crawled to safety, a minority to find sanctuary in the United States, France and Britain, but most to stay for years in the camps, to serve as a fighting or labour pool for the Khmer Rouge and the non-communist resistance to the Vietnamese-backed re-

But most dreamed of a return to Cambodia, the promised land restored. It would also be nice to think the Khmer Rouge had gone forever, but of course they are part of the "peace process" and as such are currently engaged in bloody combat with the Phnom Penh government's forces in the province of Kompong Thom. Pol Pot will be the ghost at the feast today in Sisophon, as



Belle canto: Paige O'Hara, the voice of Belle in the Walt Disney film Beauty and the Beast, singing one of the songs nominated for an Oscar at a rehearsal for tonight's 64th annual awards ceremony in Los Angeles

## Misfits compete for the Oscars

IN TUNE with the gloom of the times, Hollywood is expected to eschew its usual taste for upbeat epics and instead crown films about other misfits at its 64th annual Oscar ceremony in Los

Angeles tonight.
Hammering home the troubled mood in the American film world, hundreds of homosexual militants have converged on Los Angeles intent on disrupting the three-hour television marathon. As the organisers and celebrities grew increasingly nervous, gay activists from Queer Nation and other militant groups spent the weekend rehearsing a battle plan for conveying to the billion-strong television audience

Hollywood is expected to reflect the gloom overhanging America in its annual Oscar awards tonight, writes Charles Bremner from New York

their anger over the way Hollywood portrays homo-sexuals as psychopaths and

Prime offenders, they say, are JFK, which features a group of campy New Orleans bigots, and The Si-lence of the Lambs, with its homosexual killer. Both films are favourites to win awards in the annual high mass of self-congratulation. "We'll show Hollywood homophobes we're not going to take their crap any more," said an an-

nouncement from Oueer Nation, a group which has staged spectacular protests in New York and other cities over the past year.

If the organisers military-style counter-mea-sures fail, the ceremony could be in for an embarrassment to rival the apnearance in 1974 of a streaker as David Niven introduced Elizabeth Taylor. or Vanessa Redgrave's and Marlon Brando's political acceptance diatribes of the

Pictures, the voice of the late middle-aged Holly-wood establishment, usual-ly opts for "feel good" films which embrace traditional values. But this year only one of the nominees fits the happy ending — the Walt Disney musical Beauty and the Beast.

About the only point on which conventional wisdom agrees is that the academy will prefer to anoint a flesh-and-blood film rather than a cartoon. The choice is among tales of serial killers, assassination conspiracies, psycho-pathic gangsters and sur-vivors of child abuse.

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Jamaica's new leader

rejects big changes

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

#### Arab split looms on Lockerbie embargo

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

CONFUSED and increasingly desperate Arab attempts to find an 11th-hour compromise to the Lockerbie affair appear to have failed last night, opening the way to a confrontation between Libya and the international community, with wide implica-

tions for the Arab world. The United Nations Security Council is due to vote today to impose an arms and air embargo on Libya if it fails to turn over the two suspects in the Lockerbie bombing by April 15. Western diplomats say the 15-nation council is virtually certain to pass the measure with more than the nine votes required.

A senior Algerian official said that he expected the Western-led imposition of UN sanctions to lead to street demonstrations in certain Arab countries and to be exploited by Islamic fundamentalists known for their anti-Western standpoint. "There level that, whatever the rights and wrongs of this particular case, the US and Britain are pressing something that will be unacceptable to many ordinary Arabs," said the official, who requested anonymity. "Can you imag-ine us telling our police to remove Libyan diplomats or close down their airline

It is understood that plans for extra protection of Westes and p have been drawn up in a number of Arab capitals. Arab radicals are said to be planning to exploit resent-ment against implementa-tion of the sanctions by moderate Arab regimes, like Egypt and Morocco, which will be torn between Arab

lovalties and UN obligations. Yesterday two senior Libyans who flew to Cairo for last-minute talks with President Mubarak and officials from the Arab League again vowed "no surrender" over demands that the two Lockerbie suspects be handed over for trial in America or Scotland.

"The crisis has reached an extremely critical and sensitive stage and I do not know if there are any proposals at this moment that could stop matters at a certain point or not", said Amr Moussa, Egypt's foreign minister, looking worried. "But we will keep trying to the last moment."

#### **Israelis** launch last search for Ivan proof

Jerusalem: Israeli prosecu-tors yesterday left for Moscow in a last desperate attempt to discover fresh evidence proving that John Demjanjuk, the convicted Nazi war criminal. was the notorious Treblinka guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" (Richard Beeston

With only four weeks to go before the Israeli supreme court is to hear the final arguments in Demjanjuk's appeal against the death sentence. Michael Shaked, the state prosecutor, must unearth concrete proof placing the appellant in the Nazi death camp if he is to have any hope of winning the case.

What was once regarded as a strong prosecution case mainly backed by eye-witness testimony from camp survivors has been undermined by gesting that Demjanjuk was a wachman (Ukrainian guard). but not the sadistic gas chamber operator accused of killing 800,000 Polish Jews.

#### Leaders held

Islamabad: The Pakistani government has arrested top leaders of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front to try to prevent an attempted crossing of the Kashmir ceasefire line. A curfew is in force throughout the Indian side of the Kashmir valley.

#### Air thickens

Houston: The Earth's atmosphere is in much worse condition than two years ago dust and smoke, according to Kathy Sullivan, a specialist on the US shuttle Atlantis. She also flew a shuttle mission in April 1990. (Reuter)

#### Liberals win

Tokyo: Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party took two seats in a hard-fought poll in Gumma in the first by-elec-tion it has won this year, according to early unofficial results. The opposition Socialist party lost the seat it previously held. (Reuter)

**Ignition blamed** 

Peking: Chinese engineers blame an ignition circuit for last week's failure of a Long March-2E rocket to lift off. The rocket, built by Hughes Aircraft Corporation, was to have launched an Australian satellite. Another attempt will be made later. (Reuter)

#### **Suspects freed**

Buenos Aires: Argentina's supreme court has ordered the authorities to release four Pakistanis held since last week in connection with the March 17 bombing of the Israeli embassy in which 28 people died and more than 200 were injured. (AFP)

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Flood kills 29 Hong Kong Twenty-nine people have been killed and more than 70 injured in the central Chinese province of Jiangxi as a result of several days of torrential rains and flooding. The rains have affected more than a million

#### Nasa chief dies

people. (Reuter)

New York: James Edwin Webb, head of Nasa from its infancy until the Moon landing in 1969, has died, aged 85. In 1961 President Ken-nedy gave him the task of landing men on the Moon within a decade. (Reuter) Obituary, page 17

Toys released

Los Angeles: By special per-mission of the UN sanctions

committee, 2,000 teddy bears assembled by Dianne Judice, a Santa Barbara nurse, will soon leave for Iraq. Customs officials here had impounded the bears for 59 days in terms

## Democrats rush to get rid of perks and the Speaker

Akashi make their speeches.

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TOM FOLEY, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, is fighting to save his job less than three years after his predecessor, Jim Wright, was forced to resign because of personal misconduct.

As fresh details of the House bank and post office scandals are daily fed to a disgusted nation, many Democrats have been appalled by Mr Foley's dilatory response: the allegations put at risk their re-election in November. They were already disaffected by his conciliatory legislative style, and a challenge for Mr Foley's job this year is now thought likely. One Democratic congressman, calling the Speaker's position "precarious", suggested it was a question of "who, not

whether". The Speaker's position has been further weakened by the unflattering media attention being suddenly focused on his wife, Heather, who is his unpaid chief of staff. She has been linked to attempts to delay an investigation of criminal activities at the

band's failure to act on wrongdoings.

he has no intention of resigning and has deplored the allegations against his wife. He said that she had done noth-

William Barr, the attorney general, has appointed a special counsel to investigate possible criminal offences at the bank, which has now been closed, where nearly 300 congressmen used to bounce cheques on a breathtaking

amining alleged criminal ac-tivities at the post office including the laundering of campaign money by congressmen and drug trafficking. Jack Russ, the sergeantat-arms, and Robert Rota, the postmaster, have resigned and three post office employees have been accused of embezzling more than \$30,000. Mrs Foley testified before the grand jury last week.

House post office and has been blamed for her huswarnings of the House bank's Mr Foley has insisted that

A federal grand jury is ex-

lic esteem for the Democratcontrolled Congress at its lowest ebb and boosted President Bush, who likes to blame the institution for his domestic failures. Mr Bush lambasted the "imperial Congress" as a bastion of "perks, privilege, partisan-ship and paralysis". Republi-can advertisements are being broadcast this week urging

voters to "bounce the Demo-

crats" who have administered

it since 1955.

The scandals have left pub-

Desperate to regain the electorate's favour, Congress is now rushing to revoke its own privileges. Gone, going or likely to go are subsidised restaurants, haircuts, gym facilities and masseurs; free medical prescriptions, parking, car-washes and leaders' limousines; and access to VIP

national park lodges. Late last week long queues formed at the cut-price luxury gift shop amid rumours of its impending closure. "It looks like the last airlift out of Saigon." remarked a passing

## Blacks think society gave Tyson raw deal

MORE than half of black Americans (56 per cent) think Mike Tyson, the former politicians, actors, artists. world boxing champion, was not treated fairly by society. according to a Newsweek poll. workers, men, women and representatives of all religions are agreed on this point, then Tyson, aged 25, was given a six-year prison sentence last week for raping an 18-yearold beauty contestant. The poll was about attitudes to blacks who had been in the news because of accusations of improper behaviour or law-

Tammy Wynette, aged 49, the American country music star, has cancelled a rescheduled programme of concerts in Australia after collapsing for the second time in a

month at a Perth casino.

Mikhail Gorbachev will be shown talking to an angel in the German director Wim Wenders' sequel to Wings of Desire, the film in which angels moved among humans. Bild reported. Mr Gorbachev's message to the angel

we will be able to solve all other problems."

Zindzi Mandela, aged 30, the daughter of Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, and his wife Winnie, became engaged yesterday to Zwelibanzi Hlongwane a Soweto busi-nessman aged 27. The couple intend to marry later this

The multimillionaire property developer and chairman of the Arts Council, Lord Palumbo, aged 56, has accepted an invitation to become the first chancellor of Britain's newest university, Portsmouth Polytechnic, which is

to adopt university status lat-

He was forced to resign from the cabinet in January after granting a \$1.47 million (£850,000) tax waiver to Shell Oil but retains party support. He said he did not benefit from the grant. In spite of a dismal outlook for the economy a day after the Jamaican currency

JAMAICA has its first black

prime minister after P. J. Pat-

terson dodged scandal to win

the nomination of the ruling

People's National party.

dropped to a new low against the dollar, Mr Patterson promised "no radical change in direction". Mr Patterson, a former finance minister and deputy prime minister, was educated in Britain. He succeeds Michael Man-

ley, who announced this month that he was retiring owing to ill health after 22 vears as the leader of the party founded by his father. Mr Patterson insisted he

would be his own man and would not emulate his predecessor. "Michael Manley is Michael Manley. P. J. Patterson is P. J. Patterson. He's can people."



Patterson: will bring his own style to post got his own style, his own stamp. I've got to bring my own style, my own stamp," he

Portia Simpson, his rival for the nomination, refused to accept defeat. "Portia is leaving this arena a victorious woman," said Miss Simpson, a former secretary and social worker. "Whatever happens, I will still be regarded as the prime minister of the JamaiNo. of the State o

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## Moldavia looks to Romania for help

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE Moldavian authorities threatened to call on their kinsmen across the border in Romania to crush the breakaway Slav mini-republic of Dnestr in the east of the country. Moscow, caught be-tween respect for Moldavia as a sovereign state and emotional ties to its Russianspeaking kinsmen in the republic offered its services as mediator and urged all parties to obey international law and respect minorities.

Valeriu Murayschi, Moldavia's prime minister, said his government, which

proclaimed a state of emer-

MARTE Blazevic, a member

of the crisis committee of

Bosanski Brod, touched the

wound on his face. "The civil

war has begun and it has

begun right here in our

If Mr Blazevic is right, Bos-

nia-Herzegovina will soon be

plunged into vicious conflict

and the United Nations peace

plan for Yugoslavia will be

dealt an almost certainly tatal

Despite a ceasefire ar-

ranged on Saturday between Serb irregulars on one side

and Croats and Muslims on

the other, refugees were con-

tinuing to stream out of this

beleaguered northern Bosni-

aged 27, was killed by a

sniper yesterday morning

and angry armed Croats and

Muslims denounced the

ceasefire, which is to be en-

forced by ethnically mixed special police units. "There

vill be no buffer zone and no

ceasefire," said Mr Blazevic.

who complained that the

truce terms demanded a

Brod bears the scars of several

days of Serbian shelling from

a stronghold on the outskirts

which ended early on Satur-

day morning. Thirty people are reported to have been

killed here since the begin-

in her laundry as her hus-

band and daughter packed

their car with as many bags

as they could cram in, the

video and several large sala-

mis. "Almost everyone has left," said the husband. "The

Yugoslav army says it is going to make this the Bosnian

Vukovar." He was referring

to the Croatian town utterly

devastated by three months of

siege by the Serbian-domi-nated Yugoslav army and its

A neighbour rushed up.

We've all got to go. Now. My

relatives just phoned, they said that tanks and rockets

are coming this way, they are

going to flatten this place." A

militia allies late last year.

A woman hastily brought

ning of March.

The centre of Bosanski

Croat-Muslim retreat.

town," he said

an town yesterday. It is now almost totally deserted.

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Suspects.

gency on Saturday, was contemplating the use of force to reassert its authority over the Russian-speaking bastions on the east bank of the river Dnestr. In a clear reference to Romania, to which most of Moldavia belonged before being annexed in 1940 under the Nazi-Soviet pact. Mr Muravschi said assistance from abroad might be necessary. Tass reported from the town of Duhossary, in the heart of the disputed territory: where up to 45 people have been killed over the past

month, that three columns of

Muslim militia man sipped

his coffee. "I want 50 of those

Serb cetniks to come here

right now. I'd mow them

down and chop them up."

An eeric feeling hangs over

Bozanski Brod. This is where

Croatia meets Lebanon, The

bravado, the military disorg-

anisation and the panic are

reminiscent of Croatian

towns and villages early last year before they fell before the

But Croatia was simple:

Croats versus Serbs. Here

gummen and volunteers from

a multitude of "armies" prowl the streets. "Allah is great,"

say the badges stitched to the

jackets of Muslims. Others,

members of the Bosnian Pa-

triotic League, also known as the Bosnian Army, sport the fleur de lys. Bosnia's heraldic

symbol suddenly revived after

a thousand years in almost

themselves as volunteers from

the Sandjak. They are Mus-

lim Serbs in training for the

struggle they hope to take home to Serbia itself.

with the insignia of the Cro-

atian army also man the bar-

ricades, but all claim they are

locals. Some wear the "U"

symbol of Croatia's wantime

from Croatia," said Mr Blaz-

us. They are an independent

Across the river Sava, in the

neighbouring Croatian town

of Slavonski Brod, a military

policeman said: "We've got

rest of the Republic.

Of course we want help

But they cannot help

Nazi puppet regime.

Battle-hardened Croats

A few "soldiers" identify

Serb advance.

total obscurity.

Serbian shelling

of Bosnian town

shatters ceasefire

Prospects for the UN's Yugoslav peace

plan grew dimmer as bitter enmity

between Croats and Serbs resurfaced,

Tim Judah writes from Bosanski Brod

ing 2,000 men each, were seen moving sowards the combat zone. Moldavia. along with Ukraine and Azerbaijan, has pledged to pull out of the former Soviet republics' joint defence system and started to establish its OWN AITHY.

On the east bank the Duestr mini-republic — es-tablished on territory that was never part of Romania can count on several thousand Cossack volunteers, as well as local security forces, and grobably tach support from the former Soviet garrison. For Smirnov, the head of the Dnestr administration, responded to the state of emergency by declaring a curfew and urging his forces to be "ready to resist attacks" from the Moldavian side.

The cause of the Slavs in eastern Moldavia enjoys widespread support among nationalists in the Russian Federation, and President Yeltsin will be politically vulnerable if it appears that he has failed to protect their interests. Moscow's appeal for a peaceful settlement was conveyed in a message from Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, to his coun-

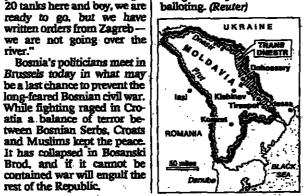
terparts in Romania, Molda-via and Ukraine. The desperate efforts of Mircea Snegur, Moldavia's president, to keep his ethni-cally mixed territory together as a single, loosely structured state are coming under attack from several quarters as his domestic critics intensity

their campaign for remion with Romania. Leaders of Moldavia's prounification Popular Front say they would sacrifice the Slavdominated eastern strip of the republic in return for the creation of an enlarged Romanian state within its one-1940 boundaries. Under this solution, which enjoys some support in Bucharest, Romania would reclaim most of Moldavia as well as two small regions of the Ukraine. Kiev

right, in turn, take the Slav industrial centres on the east bank of the Dnestr. However, Dmitri Pavlychko, chairman commission, said after meeting Moldavian leaders in Kishiney at the weekend that the countries had no territorial claims on each other. • Bucharest: Petre Roman,

Romania's former prime minister, has survived a leftwing challenge to his leadership of the National Salvation Front and been reconfirmed as head of the ruling party.

He emerged triumphant yesterday after a three-day arty conference overwhelm ingly adopted his radical, fast-pace economic reform line as the front's policy. Leftwing supporters of President Tliescu, a veteran communist. walked out of the hall after being heavily defeated in balloting. (Reuter)





Listening post: Simon Vinkenoog, left, a poet, and Tony Dielen, right, a painter, listen with the mayor of Zoetermeer, near The Hague, to poems broadcast from a lamp-post. Compact discs featuring the work of national poets can be played back at the touch of a button

#### Ukraine sets bait for moles

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

SIX months after the KGB's agents in Ukraine found themselves out in the cold, the republic's new secret service is trying to tempt the moles out of

Ukraine's dearth of spies is due to increased responsibilities for the recently formed Ukrainian national security service as it develops into a fully-fledged spy agency rather than merely a KGB branch office. Not surprisingly, applicants for the 5,000 new spying jobs will need a professional disposition and loyalty to the threemonth-old state. "All this must be with a background of good neatth, which is especially impor-tant given the current conditions in Ukraine," said Yevgeni Marchuk, director

Sceptical Ukrainians, who think there is no need to brush the soil off the les, are being reminded that a recent anti-mafia operation netted guns, grenades, timers, and a corrupt government deputy minister, as well as large sums in roubles and hard currency. The arrests, car-ried out in four areas of Ukraine, were for racketeering, extortion, and other economic crimes which will now be an important focus of the agency. "In terms of its hierarchy, this was a classical mafia structure. There were several groups of racketeers with connections to corrupt police and senior offici-

als," Mr Marchuk said. Anyone who thinks they spot the same old faces in the new intelligence agency will face a stern rebuke from Mr Marchuk, who insists that the new outfit is radically different from its predecessor. He is looking for friendly links between the agency and its Western

## Strident Siberians demand autonomy within Russia

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN KRASNOYARSK

AT THE end of their two-day congress in Krasnovarsk. Russia's Siberian deputies strongly condemned the republic's central government and set out tough conditions for helping to keep President Yeltsin's reformist regime in

Nine documents were anproved by the congress, which was attended by representatives from all but one of Siberia's nine regions. Deputies condemned the Moscow gov-ernment for failing to consider local conditions when they took decisions, and called for a change of policy. Siberia, "has been forced to beg for

RUSSIAN .

THE arrest of a priest alleged

to have hidden Basque sepa-

ratists suspected of a bomb-

ing that killed three people

has revived tensions between

the state and the Catholic

José Ramon Treviño was

detained last week and trans-

ferred to Madrid for interro-

garion. He is accused of

harbouring two separatists

from the group Eta and help-

ing them to escape after they

had allegedly detonated a car

bomb in Santander, Concern

Church in northern Spain.

social and humanitarian aid although it is the country's main source of fuel and raw materials". Siberians want the right to

sell most of their raw materials themselves at world prices rather than selling first to Moscow. They also want special assistance for their oil and mining industries, which require large sums in investment, and tax exemptions or lower taxes on raw materials.

The congress had heard angry complaints that Moscow treated Siberia as if it were a colony, plundering the bulk of its assets and polluting the rest. A law on natural resources which comes into

eTyumen FEDERATION

Concern rises over church

aid for Basque separatists

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

federal treaty, to be signed tomorrow, both give local authorities increased rights. Furthermore, a Russian deputy at the congress promised special help for the oil indus-try. The Siberians remained unconvinced. In one of its most politically

force on April 1, and Russia's

significant demands, the coness called for regions and districts to be granted exactly the same status inside the Russian Federation as the autonomous republics and regions, with the right to pass their own local laws. Deputies also demanded the right to levy their own taxes and issue their own export licences for

In addition, the congress displayed deep dissatisfaction with Mr Yeltsin and the govtion called for parliament to have stronger powers against the executive, an end to the special powers that were allot ted to Mr Yeltsin last year. and the removal of all presidential representatives in the provinces.

In part, the congress was one of several recent attempts by individual lobbies to gain special treatment in advance of next month's Russian Congress of People's Deputies. Opponents of the government are trying to engineer the removal of Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister in charge of economic reforms, and chief enemy of Russia's hardliners. Other sectional groups realise that a promise not to support the opposition could command a handsome price and are making their demands known.

 Moscow: More than 78 per cent of voters in the northern Caucasian republic of Kar-achay-Cherkess voted at the weeekend to remain part of the Russian Federation. The republic opted for union with Russia "conditional upon full application of the "law on rehabilitation of oppressed peoples". (AFP)

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his silence about what comes

next for France's crumbling

Socialist government (Philip

Political insiders were pre-

dicting yesterday that he will

react to the disastrous region-

al election results with an

address to the nation early

this week, perhaps even to-

day. At the top of his agenda

must be the question of

whether the time has finally

come to end Mme Cresson's

turbulent 10 months as

prime minister. Her own

massive unpopularity was

clearly reflected in the stun-

ning setbacks for her party

throughout France: Mme

Cresson has also committed

the grave political offence of

damaging M Mitterrand's

standing with the voters.

Jacobson writes).

#### Walesa trip ends era of mistrust

Bonn: A former Polish trade union leader calls on a member of the old German aris-tocracy here today at the start of a state visit to mark a new era in European relations (Ian Murray writes).

Lech Walesa will be the first Polish head of state to be received by his German counterpart - currently the aristocratic Richard von Weizsacker - since the days of the Kaiser in 1918. It is a measure of the historic mistrust between the two countries that it has taken so long for their leaders to arrange a friendly meeting.

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has said repeatedsince the unification of Germany that he sees relations between Poland and his country as the cornerstone of a common European house. He says he wants their ties to be as close as those between Germany and France.

#### Moving up

Moscow: Aleksandr Bessmerinykh, who was sacked as Soviet foreign minister after the abortive coup last August, has been elected to succeed Eduard Shevardnadze as chairman of his Moscow think-tank, the Foreign Policy Association.

Eight arrested

Los Angeles: Six former Pol-ish officials and two Californians have been arrested for allegedly trying to sell £56 million worth of arms to Iraq, the Los Angeles Times said. American customs officers had posed as front men for Baghdad, it said. (Reuter)

#### **Bonds tumble**

Rome: With a general election now only a week away, the Italian Treasury has revealed that it faces a 32 thousand billion lira (E16 billion) budget shortfall for this year. The news sent prices of Italian stocks and bonds tumbling.

#### Dubcek elected

Prague: Alexander Dubcek, communist leader of Czecho-slovakia during the 1968 "Prague Spring", was elected chairman of the Slovak Social Democratic party. "Our aim is a united Europe and a dignified place for Czechoslovakia in it." he said.

#### Taking up arms

Sofia: Monks and nuns in Bulgaria have applied for gun licences to defend religious property and themselves. In recent months, thieves working under the guidance of art experts have stolen icons. gold and silver crosses and a church bell. (AFP)

#### Towns seized

Moscow: Armed supporters of Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted president of Georgia, seized the western towns of Khobi, Abasha and Senaki and gave local government officials the sack, the Georgian interior ministry said from Tbilisi. (Reuter)

#### Sex offered

Biella, Italy: Italian prostitutes in the northern town of Biella have offered clients free future - assuming she has use of their services for 24 hours to win back business lost to immigrant girls who, they say, undercut agreed John Laughland is a lecturer rates and fail to take health

## Patchwork quilt of French politics smothers Socialists

PRESIDENT Mitterrand's elaborate plan to wriggle out of the defeat inflicted on the hanges Socialist party in last week's regional elections lies in ruins. As voters went to the polls in the second, cantonal round of local elections yesterday it became clear that the Socialists' poor showing in the first round (18 per cent of the national vote) had been part of a more general collapse in support for the traditional parties. It heralds the return to French politics with a vengeance of that endemic,

> itical fragmentation. Nearly 50 per cent of voters chose fringe parties, from the resolutely unreconstructed Communist party and the newly prominent ecologists on the left to the National Front and the charmingly reactionary and romantic Hunting, Fishing, Nature and Tradition party on the right, founded to oppose Brussels' attempts to ban the

perhaps Latin, weakness: pol-

shooting of wood pigeons.

Because the management Because the regional assemblies are elected by proportional representation unlike the National Assembly), the result was that in only three out of the 22 re-

attempting to retain his grip on power, John Laughland examines the growing fragmentation of politics in France

With President Mitterrand still

gions did any party come up with an absolute majority. The Socialists had hoped to he able to count on the support of the ecologists (already divided into two rival parties), the Communists, and various other centre-leftists in the elections for the presidencies of the regional assemblies. which took place on Friday. The strategy had been to split the traditional right-wing opposition on the question of whether to form electoral pacts with the National

trying to present themselves as the only party capable of opposing him. Edith Cresson, the prime minister, has repeatedly claimed that the traditional right represents no opposition to M Le Pen, but rather his springboard. But the at-

Front. Jean-Marie Le Pen,

the National Front leader,

was also useful to the Social-

ists for another reason: for

months now, they have been

tempt to tar the traditional right with the National Front brush blew up in M Mitterrand's face on Saturday when, to general outrage and astonishment, two ministers in the government were elected regional presidents, against all the odds, with the support of National Front regional councillors.

One of the ministers elected in this way (who enjoyed the title of minister for administrative modernisation) was sacked from Mme Cresson's government on Saturday. leaving the Socialists in even. more disarray than had been expected. Moreover, the expected alliance with the ecologists failed to materialise, and the Socialists were even

that both Mme Cresson and

Pierre Bérégovoy, the finance

minister, found themselves

facing unexpected challenges

shunned by the Communists. The sense of panic was further heightened by the fact

in the second round of local elections beld vesterday. It is difficult to see where President Mitterrand can go from here. There is not only the sensitive question of a possible replacement for Mme Cresson: the president would have to be sure that any new prime minister would be capable of genuinely relaunching the collapsing fortunes of the Socialists, and any incoming prime minister might be sipping from a poisoned chalice.

There is also the huge unpopularity of the system of proportional representation used for regional elections which M Mitterrand wants to introduce at national level as well, so as to prevent the right from gaining an abso-lute majority, even if this means dismantling the Socialist party in the process. There is a deep consensus

in France that on no account should there be any return to the chronic instability which characterised French politics under the Third and Fourth Republics (until 1958). Yet the outcome of the regional elections has also revealed a deeper dilemma: how does one enforce a reasonable de-



Mitterrand: looking for an escape route

gree of political coherence on to a country so obviously fragmented? There is a final difficulty. M Mitterrand has for long

hoped to use "Europe" as the point around which to rally a new centre-left, post-Socialist coalition. Because the Maastricht treaty entails further transfer of powers to the European Community, the French constitution may have to be changed.

If there were to be a referendum on this, it is difficult to see how the issue of Europe



has increased after the

priest's superiors said they

had been unaware of his ac-

tivities. The judge must de-

cide whether to summon the

The bishop said his priest

was being held because "it

seems that he had allowed

two presumed members of

Eta to spend two nights in a

church annexe. He said the

priest had befriended one of

the men, but that there was

no proof he had been told of

Bishop of San Sebastian.

issue of M Minterrand's government as a whole, and it is hardly likely that the outcome would be favourable to the president. M Mitterrand said recently that the Maastricht treaty would have to be ratified between the spring solstice (March 21) and the summer equinox (June 21). Perhaps he should have paid more attention to the Ides of

 Paris: After a week of doleful contemplation. President Mitterrand is poised to break

Cresson: hampered by massive unpopularity could be separated from the

> True to form, the president has been playing his cards close to the chest, allowing aides to drop the odd gnomic hint about his intentions to the media. This has naturally intensified the feverish speculation about Mme Cresson's one - and the relative standing of possible successors.

in politics at the Sorbonne.



## Where Labour is vulnerable

The polls are less comfort to Kinnock

than they appear, says Peter Riddell

'The refusal of

the Lib Dems

the South

reflects a

deeper

difficulty for

Labour

abour leaders are already talking like ministers, but they should not assume the election is in the bag. The party has so far fought the sharpest campaign, as it did in 1987, and it remains ahead of the Tories. But Labour has not made any further headway in the past week.

Behaving like a government is smart tactics for a party so long in opposition. Talk of shadows is banned; it is now Labour's chancellor or budget. In his interview yesterday with Brian Walden on ITV, Neil Kinnock sought to reassure not only in his comments about public spending but also by dressing so soberly that he could be mistaken for one of the more old-fashioned members of the Attlee cabinet in 1945. I am waiting to hear that John Smith's favourite reading is the budget speeches of Stafford Cripps.

However, the latest polls are of less comfort to Labour than they appear. The bitter row over Jennifer Bennett has damaged both parties, but, overall, has worked slightly to Labour's disadvantage

on a question. health, that should have helped to in-Nearly a week has been wasted.

More worrying for Labour is the to disappear in advance of the Liberal Democrats, clear benefi-Bennett row at a time when some of its canvassers were becoming worried about signs of weakening support. As it is, the party's rating has

risen by three points, near to where the former Alliance stood at this stage of the 1987 campaign. This could, of course, be a temporary blip, but the party is fighting a more coherent campaign than five years ago, clearly differentiating itself on education and on Europe. The party has a good base for the rest of the campaign, especially as it may receive more attention if there is

talk of a hung parliament. The electoral impact varies across the regions. Liberal Demoarat support appears to be weaker in the North than in the South, in contrast with the even pattern of the past. So the anti-Tory swing could let Labour gain a large number of seats in the North-West and Yorkshire. But in the South, a relatively strong showing by the Liberal Democrats could hold back Labour. Admittedly, Tories with narrow majorities, as in Cheltenham, Portsmouth South, from any Liberal Democrat advance. But in many other seats where the opposition vote is fairly sorb a drop in their vote in face of advances by both Labour and Liberal Democrats. There could

be some close results, however. The refusal of the Liberal Democrats to disappear in the South reflects a deeper difficulty for Labour — the widespread doubts of voters both about Mr Kinnock's abilities and about the party's economic competence. Although Labour is generally credited with having fought the most impressive

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campaign, voters have become more sceptical during the cam-paign about the affordability of its promises and its ability to handle the economy. And, while the Tories have failed to push fears of tax increases to the centre of the public's attention, the issue could still be significant. The latest NOP survey suggests that nearly two-thirds of all voters think they would pay higher taxes under Labour than the Tories, and a quarter think that tax bills would

The implication of this is that not only the Tories but also Labour leaders need to reassess their approach. Labour, and to a lesser extent the Liberal Democrats, have maintained their support thanks to voters' dislike of the Tories over rising unemployment, the poll tax and standards of public services. They feel let down.

But voters do not necessarily believe that Labour could produce much of an improvement, and education, and they are apprehensive about possible increases in tax, interest rates and inflation. Their concern reflects Labour's own quandary, how to offer the hope of

change while appearing respon-sible by recognising constraints on public spending and borrowing. The party's emergency recovery programme is in that respect mainly a gesture of looking active in contrast to the Treasury's apparent passivity — and one that may may be offset by the impact of tax increases.

The Tories are suffering from a mirror difficulty. Their negative campaigning against Labour may have solidified their own core support, and limited a further advance by the Opposition. But the Tories have not been able to move into the lead because they have failed to offer a coherent justification for a fourth term. They have been unsure whether to distance themselves from the Thatcher years or to trumpet their achievements. There have been only sporadic positive statements John Major and Michael Heseltine, though a shift of approach is now promised. That has been the Tories main difficulty panicky, backbiting over media tactics by retiring MPs and former advisers. As Bernard Ingham once growled to me, "I wouldn't want to go into the jungle with that lot".

The election will turn on the balance between blaming the Tories for the recession and doubts about a Labour government. Mr Kinnock conceded yesterday that recessions do not necessarily radicalise people, because they create insecurity. There were, he said, people who will hold on to nurse. He did not complete Belloc's lines, "for fear of finding something worse".

#### William Cash in Hollywood watches millions being lavished on a need to be loved

atching it on television," said Glenda Jackson of the 1979 Oscar ceremony, "I felt disgusted, as though I was watching a public hanging. No one should have a chance to see so much desire, so much need

for a prize, and so much pain when not given.

The pain of losing will be especially acute tonight when studio executives think of the millions of dollars they have spent on wooing Academy members. Since January, the mail-boxes of the voters have been deluged with gifts, screening invitations and video cassettes in designer bags. Sending out 5,000 videos costs about \$40,000.

When they drove up Sunset Boulevard their attention was bought by 30ft-high "wishes to congratulate" hoardings for films no longer on release. The countdown to the closing date for ballot papers saw Variety and the Hollywood Reporter getting fatter each day with \$10,000 double-page colour advertisements. The British Academy member Jerry Pam, whose PR firm handles Roger Moore and Michael Caine, estimates his Oscar campaign mail to be double that of five years ago.

Oscars for egotism

year on Oscar lobbying — well beyond the pocket of such Britishmade films as Mike Leigh's Life is Sweet, which won the National Film Critics Award but failed to be Academy nominated - raises a question. Can you buy an Oscar? If so, how much?

Oscar campaigning this year cost the big studios about \$7 million. Despite filing for bank-ruptcy. Orion spent \$325,000 promoting Silence of the Lambs, which is up for seven awards, including Anthony Hopkins for Best Actor. Tri-Star (Bugsy, The Fisher King) and Disney (Beauty and the Beast) have each spent about \$1 million in promotion. Disney went so far as hiring the veteran lobbyist Happy Goday (fee: \$35,000), to ensure that its animated film stands a good chance of winning Best Original Song and Best Score. Goday's 25year campaigning record is unsurpassed, with nine Oscars and 33

But tempting as it may be to imagine Hollywood as a town ruled by money, Oscar lobbying has more to do with vanity than financial greed. The real purpose of the Oscar campaign trail is selfaggrandisement. Executives get to see their names emblazoned in self-congratulatory large type around Hollywood. Most of the advertisements in the trade newspapers - such as TriStar touting Arnold Schwarzenegger for Best Actor in Terminator 2 - have nothing to do with winning, or attempting to buy, an Oscar. They are excuses for studios to promote

and film-makers. They're scratching the backs of the talent." Tonight's ceremony may be watched by an estimated billion television viewers, but to Academy members themselves the ceremony has little to do with the rest of

stars for future projects. As the MGM marketing president Greg Morrison admitted recently: "Win

or lose, the studios are looking to

enhance the value of their films

Hollywood views itself. Nobody really cares about the few extra million dollars a winning film may gross in foreign markets.

Insecurity is rampant in Hollywood. The Oscars are the ultimate test of popularity, which is why Jodie Foster should win Best Actress again, and why Barbra Streisand was snubbed for Best Director. When Sally Field won Best Actress for the second time. she said that on the first occasion she had not been sure, but "now I know you like me - you really like me". What is rarely understood out-

side Hollywood is that the ambition there is not only to make money — most have sizeable fortunes already — but to make films that matter. The criterion for deciding Best Picture is not boxoffice success (My Left Foot grossed only \$2.65 million before it was nominated), but seriousness of purpose.

Some idea of the importance

Hollywood attaches to the medium of film can be judged from the Academy's new \$6 million Center for Motion Picture Study in Beverly Hills. The building has been designed as an exact copy of a Spanish Revivalist church, with its steeple modelled after the Giralda Tower in Seville. Inside. the centre has the hushed feel of a monastic library.

When the young Tom Stoppard was asked by London's theatre critics what Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead was "about", after its successful opening night, he replied: "I hope it's about to make me a lot of money." Such candour is rare in Hollywood, where a simple desire to acquire money is viewed as a lowly form of ambition. As Raymond Carver wrote: "Money will buy you pathetically little in Hollywood.

The real ambitions of Hollywood denizens are invariably more grandiose; a zealous quest for respect and legitimacy from peers. On the political campaign trail for California's primary in June, the stars will once again be on parade. because politics, like the Oscars. provides the ideal public podium for them to indulge vain and

## What about the workers?

**Bernard Levin** 

asks how Russia

can change

without essential

labour skills

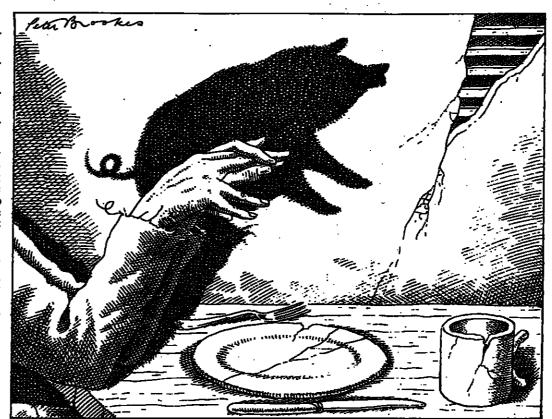
The extraordinarily touching letter from Russia that was printed on our letters page a few weeks ago epitomised the dilemma of the people of what was the Soviet Union. The internecine fighting still raging is full of horrors, and the shortages of the simplest materials, even food, is worse still, considering the need and the urgency. (Mark my words, one of these days Professor Hobsbawm will pop up and say, in The Guardian and at length, that, yes of course Stalin had faults - for instance, he would never bother to trim his straggly moustache - but

at least he kept the country together and avoided famine.) Yet in the long run the greatest difficulty may not be typified by that letter, in which the writer, who wanted to start a business and had no idea how to do so, begged

for information on the subject. -The 18th century was greatly given to discussing an intriguing question if a man blind from birth was in the habit of handling a sphere, a pyramid and a cube, all of much the same size, and then gained his sight, would he be able to tell which object was which athout touchur ? Eventually it

happened, and the answer was no. That is the crux of what ails the Russian republics: they can see the sphere, the pyramid and the cube, but they have no way to distin-guish between them. Nor is the problem of creating a business the worst and most urgent difficulty; the foundation of the economic shambles lies below such matters, necessary though a remedy is. The truth is that the people who lived in the Soviet Union do not know what work is.

That is not some fancy paradox but the literal truth. Indeed, it was a kind of mantra: "They pretend to



pay us, and we pretend to work". We all know the stories — true, us, and we pretend to work". every one - about the shoe factory that turned out left shoes only; the bicycle factory that bolted every pair of handlebars on back to front; the factory with new ma-chinery installed, in which the workers toiled through the night to dismantle it entirely, each taking a piece, if only a slab of metal with no useful function, in case it could one day be sold. After all, it was the Soviet Union which invented the "perhaps bag", a string container that housewives carried everywhere because "perhaps" there might be something to buy.

Why do you suppose, before the colleges that visitors to Moscow.

collarse, that visitors to Moscow were offered black-market currency at a rouble rate discounted by a hundred to one? Because there was nothing to buy with the roubles, however many there were, and only the foreign-currency shops had anything to sell. A country in which there is no incentive will do nothing: nothing was what the people of the Soviet Union duly did.

And now they must work, and do not know how. A vignette from a reporter of The Los Angeles Times in Moscow sets the scene:

Every day, Moscow's budding mer-chant class flocks to the pedestrian passage to hawk its wares - boxes shoddy denim clothes from Egypt, Soviet-made stereo equipment, macaroni, a frozen pike, posters of Samantha Fox JO God! Oh Monbe customers, or just Muscovites trying to get from one place to another, must force their way between parallel lines more than 100 feet long of people who hold aloft the items for sale as though they were treasured icons.

But that is little more than an exchange and mart; and the problem will not necessarily be solved because Moscow's first sex shop has just opened, under the name of The Intimacy Store-Salon.

Mrs Likhoda, who wrote to The Times for advice on starting a business, is not alone; there is even an organisation called Gildea that offers guidance on the subject. But does Gildea run courses on how to make the employees of the new

businesses work for their living? The greatest obstacle to economic progress in the former Soviet lands is the brutishness to which 70 years of communism have reduced the people. If you have lived in a three-room apartment shared with two other families, with no hot water supply and no materials with which to plug the leaks in the roof and the walls, if all three husbands are miners who have no washing facilities at the mine and no soap (or hope of buying any) when they come home, and when the three wives have to stand daily for two or three hours in sub-zero temperatures to buy food (four or five hours if some

on sale), it is likely that all hope has been abandoned years ago, and its place filled with drink.

How then is a workforce to be recruited, trained, inspired and rewarded out of the material to hand? It is all very well to say that the market will do the job: so it will, but even the sturdiest market will have to take a breath or two in pushing over mountains. And the danger is obvious: not that there will be a return to communism. but that, tired of waiting for a loaf of bread, the potential workforce will have given up their last slender hope and slumped into a despond from which no promise, no incentive, can make them rise.

To a considerable extent, the nations of the Soviet Empire are in the same situation; there is now a good deal of cynicism about. But the Poles, the Czechoslovaks, the Hungarians and the rest, had, to inspire them throughout the Occupation, one beacon that could never be put out: their hatred for the evil thing that had stolen their land and lives. True, the Soviet colonies had been in pawn for more than 40 years, and it might be thought that every sliver of resistance or national feeling would have been crushed, which was what happened to the captive peoples of the Soviet Union themselves. That is what the Soviet rulers hoped, and eventually be-lieved, but they were wrong; the flame of hatred never flickered.

Let us help Mrs Likhoda, and all her kind, for ultimately it is her kind that will save their country. But you cannot build a house by starting with the roof. It is tuition in the simplest task that is needed, and here is an opportunity for our own shrunken and downhearted unions. The Russian lands need bricklayers, electricians, carpenters, railwaymen, drivers, glaziers, bakers, steelworkers and for that matter gravediggers. Years of indifference have debased these trades, and left a shortage of those who can ply them, even badly. They need tuition, and our unions, out of favour for ever in Britain, might be welcomed. After all, the slavish fellow-travelling once rife among our union leaders demands some reparation. We could even send Scargill; you never know when they might need strikers.

helicopter at Ipswich airport. At

the last moment his arrival was

switched because aides realised

the Labour controlled borough

council planned to close the airport, with a resulting loss of jobs.

Smith landed instead in the grounds of a hotel on the other

side of the town. He was driven to



## ...and moreover

## Matthew Parris

The first edition of a new magazine in my county, Derby Now!, leads off with a rude article about the city itself. "Derby," it says, "is a city with a mucky North image, it's a cultural desert with a poor city centre..." and, the feature adds, "that's official." It seems that a specially commissioned report has discovered that Derby has a low profile on the national stage".

Actually, we knew that. But

this report comes from "a London firm of strategic analysts".

What are strategic analysts? Are they like psychoanalysts? I have no idea, but of this I am sure: when these analysts have finished they will send a bill. Their recommendations, meanwhile, will cost more. "Profile on the national stage" does not come cheap. An opera house, perhaps, a major airport, two universities, three teaching hospitals and an international trade fair . . . these things cost. Most are already available in the larger nearby Midlands cities. Dear old Derby might like to pause and ask herself whether there is an easier way.

There is. Derby could lead the field. You wonder how? Look again at the sentence with which that magazine article began: "Derby is a city...

Derby is not a city. In all her long and proud history, she has never been a city. Derby is a town: a fine old town, never royal charter during the Queen's cover subjects progressively less a city. Tried it once but didn't silver jubilee in 1977, Derby has worthy. Town clerks, having like it would be a fair epitaph.

been pretending. The pretence is unconvincing. The gap be-tween the image called up by the word "city" and the modest realities of a redbrick Midlands town is too wide. The problem lies not with Derby, but with the claims made for her.

Our church is a splendid church but a pitiful cathedral. We have no polytechnic and no university: nearby Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester and Sheffield offer plenty of both. A couple of cinemas, a market, the Assembly Rooms and a rather small shopping centre — no square, no fountains — add up to an unassuming conurbation and two parliamentary constituencies. Picture what a town is supposed to be, and Derby leaps out as a solid and imposing example. For a town, facilities are good: and the architecture, though mostly unmemorable, shows swagger enough. Think what a city is supposed to be, and we're on the ropes. Our town has picked a fight she cannot win, with much bigger

What is a city? The presence of a cathedral cannot really be the touchstone, for Ely is not a city, surely. Size alone is not enough. Newcastle is rather small but is obviously a city. Birmingham is enormous but only just manages to be a city these days. Words, like other kinds of coinage, get devalued. The pressures upon words conveying size or status pushes more, never less. But, since that their meaning ever wider, to

become borough chief executives without moving from their desks, discover that their next ambition is to be chief executives on city councils. Now Croydon wants to be a city, and so does Brighton.

The day will come — Black-

pool, Cleethorpes and Skegness having become cities too when the term means so little that Derby need no longer blush. But, rather than wait for the word to be drained of meaning and consigned to the "lady" languish already, is there any hope of plucking "city" from the grave's edge? After all. "metropolis" has been retrieved from the wreckage of a local government reorganisation that temporarily made Barnsley (bless us!) part of a "metropolitan" area. A rescue for "city" may not be too late. I propose that Birmingham,

Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester and Newcastle be allowed to continue as English cities; but we give thought to whether Coventry, Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield might apply, consider an honorary status for historic cathedral towns such as York; and explain - kindly but firmly - to all the. others that being a town is nothing to be ashamed of.

No city yet, so far as I know, has applied for permission from the palace to hand its royal charter back. I should be proud if Derby were the first. This year is our 15th anniversary of being

#### Campaign fall-out

WHATEVER the outcome of the election, some key members of the Tory campaign team have already decided to wash their hands of politics on April 10. The exodus is likely to be led by Shaun Woodward, 33, the former That's Life producer and overall campaign director, who has indicated he wants to fight only one general election. Unless the campaign is seen to have improved soon, Woodward is likely to be made the scapegoat and will not have much

choice in the matter. David Cameron, one of the brightest young people in the party, has decided to quit politics at the tender age of 25. Up at 4.45am each day. Cameron is one of the leading members of the "brat pack" helping to run the campaign. He briefs both John Major and Chris Patten before the daily press conferences, and had hoped to become one of Major's two political secretaries. But Major decided to appoint only one and the job went to Jonathan Hill, a member of the Downing Street policy unit. Cameron is hoping to pursue a career in national

journalism. Sir John Lacy, the veteran general director of campaigning, has also decided enough is enough. At 64, he is the only one of the three directors to have election experience, having worked for the Tories since 1950. Andrew Lansley, director of the research department, is expected to go voluntarily after becoming increasingly isolated at Central Office and embroiled in a tiff with Downing Street after rewriting parts of the manifesto at the printers in Derby when he was supposed to be proof

Angie Bray, 38, handpicked by the Fleet Lord Lewin has lent the



Patten to act as his personal press officer, will give in her notice at the end of the campaign and return to the private sector, as will Mary Bartholomew, brought in by Woodward to overhaul the press office. The performance of the 25strong press office has been heavily criticised. Bartholomew, unlike the Labour and Liberal Democrat press chiefs, does not talk to the press.

• A Tory councillor was far from satisfied that the discovery of seven condoms in Edinburgh city chambers, after a celebration of International Women's Day earlier this month, was nothing more than a practical joke. Councillor Carol Benn demanded an official investigation, alleging there had been impropriety at poll-tax payers' expense. The condoms were sent for scientific analysis, which concluded that the condoms had not been used for "sexual or sexually related purposes". The bill for exonerating council officials has arrived: £4,000.

Notes for a war CRYPTIC notes about the battle for the Falklands, used by the chief of the defence staff to brief the war cabinet, go on public show for the first time next week. Admiral of

notebook to an exhibition at the Imperial War Museum marking the tenth anniversary of the campaign. Not even Mrs Thatcher, who

unimaginable treasures, such as a

few oranges, are rumoured to be

chaired the meetings, has seen the neat notes, in pencil or green ink, that were Lewin's aide-memoire at the twice-daily meetings.

Lewin says: "I took notes so I knew exactly what I was going to tell the war cabinet. The book contains the cryptic notes I took at the time of the speculation over whether the task force was carry-

ing nuclear weapons or not. You will not be able to tell from the notes whether we did or we didn't. And I am not telling you now." Cecil Parkinson, a member of the war cabinet, says of Lewin: Even when he was bringing us bad news from that notebook he was immensely reassuring. I was barely even conscious that he referred to notes. It will be fascinat-ing to see what he had written."

#### Taking flight

LABOUR'S well-oiled campaign slipped a little on Friday during John Smith's visit to Ipswich to promote Labour's plans to create jobs. The shadow chancellor was due to make a grand entrance by



an engineering factory just across the road from the airport, then all the way back to his helicopter. Trevor Seymour, of Ipswich Flying School, said: "My secretary took a call from a charter company asking if Mr Smith's helicopter could pick him up here. We said there was no problem, but they rang back and said there was: over the council closing the airport."

#### Holbein hopeful

LORD Cholmondeley, owner of Holbein's Portrait of a Woman with a Squirrel, is expected to make a decision today on whether to sell it to the National Gallery. Last week the gallery confirmed there had been negotiations with Cholmondeley over the painting. The peer's friends expect him to agree to a reported new offer of £10 million cash, an increase of £2 million in the past week.

Christie's was expected to auction the picture on April 15. But a sale at auction would mean a hefty tax bill for Cholmondeley, and a large commission fee. By agreeing to an offer from the National Callery he would avoid tax under the "douceur" system, which encourages owners to sell privately to national institutions.

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• Forget advertising, rope in cabbies. Olympia & York - at present trying to sort out its parlous finances — is taking London taxi drivers to the top of Canary Wharf in the hope that their spiel to passengers on the development might prove an asset.

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#### THE ORANGE CARD

The next parliament promises to be a great opportunity for the Celtic fringe. No longer content to be bought off with huge subventions of public money, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland seem likely on April 9 to reject more emphatically than ever before "colonial" rule from Westminster and demand a more specific say in their own government. Only Northern Ireland has previously enjoyed anything like partial autonomy. That was taken from it with the collapse of the power-sharing initiative in 1974. Could 1992 see a return from direct

rule to some form of local democratic rule? Nothing concentrates the political mind on such questions quite so much as the prospect of a hung parliament, and nowhere more directly than in Ulster. Already statements from both the Unionist parties have indicated an awareness of their imminent significance. If the Tories emerge as the largest party but still short of an overall majority, they will have little choice but either to invite the Ulster Unionists to state their terms or to dare the same group to do its worst. The Unionists must equally judge whether tacit support for a Tory government, however distasteful some of its policies, is not preferable to putting in the Labour Party,

with its even more distasteful policies. Already, Tory signals have been sent across the Irish Sea that if this day ever arrives, the Unionists should not be too greedy. Answering signals have come back that the message has been heard. A parliamentary alliance with the nine-member Official Unionists, the independent James Kilfedder and Ian Paisiey's three Democratic Unionist MPs would be a difficult juggling act. But though the Unionists represent a faction in a deeply divided society, a temporary and informal arrangement need not be disreputable for the Tories. A finite period of mutual dependence between mainland Tories and their estranged Ulster cousins could even prove the catalyst of real change.

The British interest lies in a new democratic administration in Northern Ireland.

Two unrelated incidents came together last

week to create an impression of impending

doom in the commercial property market.

with some Catholic involvement and with as much devolution from Westminster as possible. All Irish interests likely to take part in post-election talks agree on these objectives. Continued violence generates too much communal bitterness for this communality to be acknowledged publicly: all previous searches for a magic formula have foundered on sectarian fear of compromise. Because of

on sectarian fear of compromise. Because of that, a British government will sooner or later have to impose the best devolution package it can devise.

John Major has already stated that a straightforward demand from the Unionists for the "removal for the Anglo-Irish Agreement, as a condition for their support in parliament, would be unacceptable. In this he was right, Sich removal may be the Unionists' ambition, but it is not marked non-negotiable and is quite capable of being fudged. The Anglo-Irish Agreement should fudged. The Anglo-Irish Agreement should be replaced by a "wider British-Irish Agree-ment", say the ginionists in their manifesto. The vagueness of these concepts is encourag-

ing. There may be some unireezing of the Unionist position here at last.

Mr Major's joest offer would appear to be to put the Anglo-Irish Agreement "on the table" in the all-party talks promised after the election. There may be a nod and wink that the Tories will talk to the new Irish prime minister about altering those symbolic aspects of the Anglo-Irish Agreement which Unionists find so offensive, while keeping the

functional aspects working. This may not seem much, but the Unionists must make their calculations with one eye on the alternatives. If they bring down the Tories, they will have to deal with Labour. Peter Brooke or any likely alternative Tory secretary of state will look a better prospect to Northern Ireland's embattled Protestants than Kevin McNamara. Labour's likely choice. Fanciful perhaps, but a Tory-led hung parliament could be the one hope of unjamming Northern Ireland's politics. If that might in turn end one of Westminster's worst legacies from the 1970s

it has a government that under-Crystal Palace park

From the Chairman of the Royal

Sir. Occasionally it may be justified

to finance the restoration of an

historic designed park by the inser-

tion of a new building into it. To

succeed without spoiling the park, such a building and its ancillary car

parks and service areas need to be

sited in a way which respects the spatial integrity of the design of the

original park, its composition of

If this is achieved, there is no reason

why the new building should not be a

fine late 20th century work of art in

its own right.

An example currently being

considered is Crystal Palace, where

parts of Paxton's park have survived the famous building for which it was laid out in 1852-7. It seems emi-

nently sensible to erect a new

building on the same site as its long-

Sir. Whilst not wishing to detract

from the force of the letter (March

25) from the Director of the Medical

Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons, in which he speculates on the

consequences of the St Petersburg

nuclear accident, I look forward to

the day when you will publish a letter

from some mythical Director of the

Medical Campaign Against Motor

Vehicles (which so far have killed 17

million people), saying: "How many accidents, and they will continue to

occur, do we need before all motor

vehicle usage is shut down and the

best scientific brains we have are

assembled to find out if the motor-

vehicle genie, or most of it, can be

stuffed back in the bottle which, with

the benefit of hindsight, our leaders

destroyed predecessor.

Nuclear accidents

From Mr John H. Deam

Fine Art Commission

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

#### Why scientists have quit Britain

From the Chairman of British Scientists Abroad and others

Sir. As members of British Scientists Abroad we are following the election in Britain very closely. We would like, through your columns, to comment on one of the key issues of the campaign — whether to borrow for personal tax cuts or public investment - from the point of view of research scientists and engineers working abroad.

John Major, in an interview on the Walden programme on March 22 and on other occasions, has argued that tax cuts are the way to give young people the incentive to stay and work in Britain, and that tax increases on higher incomes would drive professionals abroad and thereby induce a "brain drain".

In fact, over the last decade there has been a steady "drain" of many of Britain's talented scientists and engineers to various parts of the world, above all the United States. In our organisation alone there are almost 2.000 expatriate scientists, ranging from some of Britain's most distinguished and senior scientists, including Fellows of the Royal Society, to junior scientists who have left the country frustrated by the lack of research opportunities. Many have expressed a desire to return if conditions were to improve.

Most of those scientists and engineers have left Britain to work abroad not because of the tax regime but because higher education and research as a whole has been systematically undervalued and neglected over the past 13 years. Neither investment in research nor investment in people has been sustained at competitive levels. The result is that conditions for productive and successful work are more readily found abroad than in the UK.

Britain still has some of the world's best scientists and researchers: until

stands their true motivation, and is prepared to demonstrate a real commitment to investment in science, it will never restore their morale nor ture back the brains that have

been lost. Yours faithfully, JORDAN RAFF, Chairman, University of California San Francisco, (Biochemistry and Biophysics), KIM BARRETT. UC San Diego (Medicine),

PETER BRADSHAW, Stanford University (Mechanical Engineering STEPHEN DELANEY. University of Queensland (Molecular Biology and Biotechnology). MICHAEL DUFF. Texas A & M University (Physics), MATTHEW FREEMAN, UC Berkeley (Molecular and Cell Biology), MARTHA GRABER. UC San Francisco (Pharmaceutical Chemistry), **GREG HALLEWELL** Centre de Physique des Particules de Marseille, ADRIAN HAYDAY. Yale University (Immunobiology). RICHARD HYNES, Massachuseus Institute of Technology (Center for Cancer Research). ANGUS LAMOND, Heidelberg (European Molecular Biology Laboratory).

NIALL MATEER, University of California (Office of the President), TIM MITCHISON, UC San Francisco (Pharmacology). KIM NASMYTH, Vienna (Institute of Molecular Pathology), ERIC SHOOTER, Stanford University ANNE TREISMAN, UC Berkeley (Psychology), TREVOR WILLIAMS.

Yale University (Biology). University of California, San Francisco,

California 94143. March 25.

#### Ideally the new structure would be a modern example of high-tech architecture to catch the eye in the same bold spirit as Paxton's daring

opposite. English Heritage should at the same time spring to the defence of the original park layout, which they have listed Grade II\*. This should be restored in its original form right up to the edge of the modern building,

original. Present proposals, a petty

scaled-down mimicry of some super-

ficial Victoriana, are exactly the

flowerbeddery. Historic parks are a vital part of English Heritage's remit, whether including historic listed buildings or surviving on their own.

Yours faithfully, ST JOHN of FAWSLEY, The Royal Fine Art Commission, 7 St James's Square, SW1.

#### March 26.

After the abolition of the Greater London Council one looked at that unique building on one of the finest and most splendid sites in Europe and speculated whether it would become the home of something worthy of its position - perhaps an art gallery, teaching hospital or a

ing, to see what could happen if things go wrong. It stands forlorn, roofless and deteriorating after plans had been made for a leisure centre. After all, County Hall never was, or meant to be, just another office block to be sold. A far greater dimension in dignity and vision is necessary in

## Women lawyers

Crown Office

In this office, which is part of the Lord Chancellor's department, there are 15 male lawyers and 13 female lawyers. Three of the women work part-time, by their own choice. No

Sir. Mr Barrie lliffe's idea (letter,

everything. In the string quarter repertoire alone, one could give a retiring Master of Foxhounds K458 (the "Hunt"), or an addict of a certain brand of lager K499 (the "Hoffmeister"); a bitchy singer, instead of bestowing Judas kisses on her rival.

As a string quartet cellist, I should

#### State of dentistry and patients' teeth

From Professor G. B. Winter Sir, The statement in your leader

("Decay of the dentist". March 25) that "children today are virtual strangers to cavities and fillings" is wrong. Such good fortune does not apply to approximately 20 per cent of British children who still have relatively high levels of dental disease. Many of these children are to be found amongst the families of low socio-economic groups in our major cities.

London has a particular problem at the moment, for not only does it have a discernable population of socially deprived children with high levels of dental disease but it also has the lowest take-up rate of young children now being cared for by NHS general demai practitioners in England and Wales on a capitation basis. The latter system was inaugurated in 1990 and provides an annual fee for the dental care of children in the general dental ser-

At the end of December 1991, for children aged three to five years, figures from the Dental Practice Board show that for the City and east London only 32 per cent were registered with a dentist, 34 per cent in Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster and 38 per cent in Camden and Islington. Comparative figures from other large cities are 66 per cent in Leeds, 63 per cent in Manchester and 53 per cent in Coventry.

Yours faithfully. G. B. WINTER. Institute of Dental Surgery, Eastman Dental Hospital. Department of Children's Dentistry, 256 Gray's Inn Road, WC1. March 26.

From Dr G. D. J. Rhodes Sir. The government is proud of its record of privatisation but seems "frit" to speak the truth about NHS

dental treatment for paying adults. It

has already privatised the system. Patients are paying 75 per cent of the cost of total funding, not just of actual treatment - practice equip-ment, staff, etc., all come out of these fees and there is no central funding of practice overheads. The government is happy to call a public industry private when it has put 51 per cent of its shares in the people's hands. Why the nonsense about

For the vast majority of the population who cannot afford full private fees the only way foward lies in low-cost insurance schemes, providing top-quality treatment for the patient and giving the practitioner the security to budget for his equipment.

"NHS" dental care?

The negotiating committees of the British Dental Association still harken to the past - hence their acceptance of the new NHS contract over the heads of the vast majority of practitioners who voted against it in a secret ballot. Could this madness

planning for its future use. I do understand that the London Residuary Body, which controls County Hall, has a duty to obtain the

best possible price — but at what price? Have those responsible for such a philistine decision no sense of balancing money against a sense of civic and national pride? The efforts of the London School of Economics to acquire this site seem to me wholly admirable and in tune

with the needs of society. The LSE could be in there and running within months, rather than the years it would take to tear apart County Hall to make it habitable for other purposes.
The opportunity for this famous seat of learning to expand and

provide for thousands of students into the next century surely far outweighs the need for yet another hotel. Yours faithfully.

Mozart by that founder member of

the Cellists' Liberation Movement,

King Friedrich Wilhelm II of Prus-

JAMES CHALMERS PARK,

Rivelin, Hillside Road,

Pinner Hill, Middlesex.

Yours faithfully, NEIL C. DEWHURST,

50 Bantocks Road.

Great Waldingfield,

Sudbury, Suffolk.

From Mr Neil C. Dewhurst

Sir. I shall be looking out for K 364

SIN (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat),

K 620 MAG (Die Zauberflöte) and

K 621 TIT (La Clemenza di Tito)

among many which have given me

considerable pleasure in bicentenary

IAN McLEOD. Pine Ridge, Pine Coombe, Shirley Hills, Croydon, Surrey.

#### one is excluded from consideration for promotion and women (including two of the part-timers) hold five of the nine senior posts.

These arrangements work admirably. Women lawyers who want a fair deal throughout their working lives might well consider that they would be better off in the government legal service. Yours faithfully,

sia.

Yours faithfully,

March 24.

MICHAEL MCKENZIE, Registrar of Criminal Appeals and Master of the Crown Office, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2.

From Mr James Chalmers Park

could present her with K465, the

be happy to be given Ks 575, 589 or 590 - the quartets commissioned by

happen in any other profession? No one would want to spend five or six years at university to practice in the present environment.

Yours faithfully, G. D. J. RHODES, Esperance.

Langton Road, Langton Green. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. March 26.

#### From Mr G. E. Swan

Sir, Your leader suggests that NHS dentistry should concentrate on prevention. This is exactly the policy adopted under the capitation arrangements now in place for treating

After an initial entry payment the dentist is paid a fixed fee for each child. The dentist has a strong incentive to ensure that patients remain decay-free because there are

no fees payable for routine fillings.

The problem with this approach is that children requiring extensive treatment are a disaster for the dentist who, in financial terms, is better employed by tending to the dentally lit. By concentrating on prevention the NHS has overlooked the fact that priority must be given to treating the sick.

Yours sincerely. G. E. SWAN. 23 Dean Street. Aberdare, Mid-Glamorgan. March 25.

#### From Mr Stephen Noar

Sir, Your leader is right to emphasise that prevention is "the watchword" of patient care in the ideal modern dental practice. However, there is a danger of persisting dependence on piecework, both in the NHS, where the continuing care element is greatly underfunded, and in the move towards private treatment.

Such dependence encourages the "universally deplored drill-and-fill" to which you refer and undermines efforts to move away from treatmentbased dentistry, the ultimate victim

being the oral health of the nation. The ideal is of course an adequately funded continuing care programme, where the dentist is rewarded for prevention rather than repair. This is akin to the Chinese philosophy where doctors are paid to keep their patients well, rather than rewarded for treatment in the event

Jersey has successfully established a fully preventive programme where the costs of private care are shared between state and patient. Such a move in the UK, which harmonises the interests of patient, dentist and state in a progressive preventive framework, has much to commend

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN NOAR (Chairman), Denplan Ltd., Kings Court, The Broadway, Winchester, Hampshire.

#### Catholic teaching From Mr Kenneth P. Platt

Sir, Roman Catholics who have been awaiting the publication of the new Universal Catechism for some months now will be somewhat taken aback at your report (March 26) that the newly appointed auxilliary bishop in north London has "dis-closed" what has been public knowledge for some years now. They will be more than taken aback at the suggestion in your headline ("Pope revises Catholic guidelines on morality") that the Pope intends to revise Catholic moral teaching, for of course he neither has the desire nor indeed the authority to do that.

Further, of course, if the Pope in fact sees the Vatican response to the final report of ARCIC I (Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission) as a step forward, it can only be in so far as that response provides a sounder basis for further inter-Church discussions than has hitherto been provided, calling for, elucidation of ambiguities in the report and clarifying the Roman stance as being that so clearly defined in Canon John McNamara's letter (February 13). Yours sincerely,

KENNETH PLATT. 47 Heathhurst Road. Sanderstead, Surrey. March 26.

#### Large salaries From Mr J. R. Anderson

Sir. Regarding the discussion of the large salary increase of the chairman of British Gas (letters, March 27), I suggest that the only people who are in a position to impose restraint in such cases are the institutional shareholders, and that they would be well advised to exercise that responsibility without delay in the present instance.

Yours sincerely J. R. ANDERSON. 4 Vardon Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

#### Under wraps

From Mr Richard J. Stamper

Sir, In Liz Hodgkinson's article, "Cut down in size" (March 25), it states that to receive information from the Tall Persons Club one needs to send a "large s.a.e.". How large? Yours faithfully, RICHARD J. STAMPER,

24 Norland Square, Holland Park, WII. March 25.

**RECOVERY IN PROPERTY** 

Olympia & York were forced to stitch together an emergency package with their bankers. At the same time, Heron Corporation announced that its debt of £1.3 billion will require refinancing. City bears claim that these and other present property difficulties are worse even than those of 1974-75, which briefly threatened to destroy not just property companies, but much of the financial system. The two companies at present in the news

are different. Olympia & York's problems stem more from North America than from Britain. Here the company is vulnerable because of a single office development, Canary Wharf, and the difficulty of transporting people to and from its isolated East End site. Heron holds industrial rather than office property, and its travails are more the fault of bad luck than bad management.

But the plight of these two, and of the other fallen giants, have fundamental causes in common. The demand for property has been fractured by recession, in Britain and elsewhere. High interest rates bear hard on an industry that is capital-intensive and, in some cases, highly geared. The government's uniform business rate means that an empty. property can cost a developer £15 a square foot. With 13 million of 70 million square feet of space in the City empty, and rents down 25 per cent from their peak, the pips

are soueaking. The consequences for the banks are serious. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the govemor of the Bank of England, wisely warned of reckless lending to property companies as early as May 1987. But when bankers' noses sniff the perfume of profit, their ears cease to

listen. Bank loans to property companies

total at least £40 billion today compared with £7 billion in 1985.

and 80s, it would be an achievement indeed.

This will cost the banks and their shareholders dear. But the situation remains less serious than it was in 1974. Then the lending was furnelled through the fringe banks, which were free from effective regulation. Under the 1979 Banking Act all banks are now properly supervised. In 1974 most of the money involved was British. Today Britain shares its burden with foreign hanks, from the United States, Japan, and fin the case of Olympia & Yorki Canada, In 1974, politicians made matters worse. Reacting to the boom years, Edward Heath froze business rents, while Labour threatened property companies with a new tax on capital values. Today, the politicians, who pursued a policy of benign neglect during the boom, are continuing to pursue a policy of

benign neglect during the slump. Whichever party wins the election could be tempted to change that. Under the Tories, Michael Heseltine's new Urban Regeneration Agency, chaired by Peter Walker, could easily become an instrument for state-backed rescue of troubled development projects. Intervention might tempt Labour too, as the banks beg inexperienced ministers to bail

them out of their plight. They deserve not a penny. Instead, they should be pressed to make adequate provisions against potential property losses. The most injudicious lenders should suffer the normal penalties that attach to financial failure: shareholder rebellion, takeover, and the sacking of incompetent management. The role of government should be confined to getting the macroeconomic climate right. Property's fortunes are a normal indicator of the economy. They can be restored only by economic recovery and a lower level of real interest rates. Swift may they be in coming.

#### **CAMFORD COMPARISONS**

The news that independent researchers have demonstrated that Oxford is a better university than Cambridge will come as no surprise to Oxonians. They have been saying so for centuries. There needs no social scientist, come from a computer lab, to tell us this. As the Brasenose admissions tutor told the candidate who was worried she might not get the necessary A-levels: "Never mind:

there's always Cambridge." The rivalry between Oxford and Cambridge runs deep in English idiosyncrasy. Oxford's image of itself is of floral waistcoats, political sophistication and style; Cambridge is jeans, test tubes and inconclusive conversations about the meaning of life. Oxford is Cavalier and produces prime ministers, Cambridge is Roundhead and indoctrinates the Inland Revenue. At Oxford the school of modern history begins with the fall of Constantinople and Anglo-Saxon lies at the root of a degree in English literature: Cambridge is a science park and struc-

turalist decomposition of the modern novel. These ancient myths and prejudices are not in fact what the social scientists (from the universities of Sussex and Kent) have been measuring for the past five years. Their work, to be published in May and proclaimed as the first comparative study of the two senior English universities for 30 years, is concerned with the modern shibboleth of market forces. It is said to demonstrate that Oxford attracts more research grants, is less dependent on government money, and is years ahead of Cambridge in reorganising itself on professional managerial lines, as approved by the schools of business studies.

The heresy that you can quantify the value

of education by monetary inputs is as

preposterous as the fetish of mortar-boards and subfuse. The quality of good academics is measured not by the number of publications or students, nor by any other quantifiable calculation, nor even by whether they are at Oxford or Cambridge. It is the quality of the research and teaching that matters. As in schools, that is the "value added". And this in turn must be in part a value judgment to be made by an academie's peers and students, not reflected in a statistic. The corollary of such a survey would be simply to measure average incomes of students and staff from Oxford as against Cambridge,

biochemistry to archaeology, is still coming

from British universities. much the better for competition.

and what an outcry that would provoke.

Original research and good teaching cannot be measured, but that does not mean they cannot be recognised. Cambridge and Oxford, for reasons of their long history, offer the advantages (and disadvantages) of collegiate and tutorial systems. Some of their quainter medieval administration is being modernised. It is a matter of national pride that work that is internationally recognised as the best in so many fields, from

Nor need it be a matter of shame that so many products of these universities find fulfilment for part of their careers abroad, despite the moans of scientists writing elsewhere on this page. There are plenty of Americans working happily in Britain, escaping the commercial pressures that so consume the time of many academics in America. British universities are the most cosmopolitan in the world. And if one reason for this is rivalry between the two leading institutions, however fatuously measured, so

#### Yours sincerely, J. H. DEAM. 94 Northover Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, Avon.

Mortgage arrears

March 25.

were so unwise as to uncork?"

From Ms Sarah Jenkinson Sir. Consumer advice on precipitous repossessions by mortgage lenders (Rachel Kelly's article, Life & Times, March 18) although crucial is only one part of the solution; the major

shift has to be structural. My proposal in "Repossessed: a fresh look at mortgage lending" is for a House Buyers' Council, which would be responsible not only for consumer information and protection but also for market efficiency. It would operate on the basis of a code elaborated by lenders, much as the Council of Mortgage Lenders elabo-rates guidelines for its membership.

The difference would be that the House-Buyers' Council's code would embrace all mortgage lenders rather than just those with CML membership, would include input from the major consumer organisations, and would have statutory force. This would appear to be the only

mechanism for ensuring that the

best practice by mortgage lenders becomes general practice. Yours sincerely, SARAH JENKINSON. Catholic Housing Aid Society. 189a Old Brompton Road, SW5.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

#### Sale of County Hall From Sir Ian McLeod

Sir, I feel a keen sense of disappoint ment at the possibility of County Hall being purchased by a Japanese consortium, to be turned into a hotel, apartments and business and con-

ference centre (report, March 24). university.

One has only to look a mile upriver at the old Battersea power station, which, too, is a listed build-

## From the Registrar of Criminal Appeals and Master of the

Sir, I was interested to read Deborah Wolfson's account (March 24) of the very limited efforts being made by solicitors' firms to prevent the waste of the talent of women lawyers, and the exclusion of part-timers from consideration for partnerships.

#### K for cars

March 24) of maintaining the Mozartian momentum by linking significant Köchel numbers to the forthcoming K registrations for cars opens up splendid opportunities for giving a personalised number plate to the man (or woman) who has

"Dissonance".

#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 28: The Duke of York Colonel-in Chief, today attended the Staffordshire Regiment's Annual Regimental Officers' luncheon at the Officers' Mess, the Dale Barracks, Chester, and was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Ian Preer) and the Commanding Of-ficer of the First Battalion (Lieutenant Colonel Nigel

KENSINGTON PALACE March 29: Princess Alice, Duch-

#### Today's royal engagements The Princess Royal, Patron of the

Home Farm Trust, will visit phase 1 of the HFT London Scheme, 14 Warwick Road, Bishops Stort-ford, at 11.00 and 38 South Road, at 11.45. Princess Margaret, as President of Invalid Children's Aid Nation-

wide, will open the new educa-tional block at Meath School, Ottershaw, at 2.30.

#### Birthdays today

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, 65: Mr Warren Beatty, actor, 55; Lord Browne-Wilkinson, 62: Miss Joyce Carey, actress, 94; Mr Eric Clapton, guitarist, 47; Mr J.F. Coates, naval architect, 70; Mr Coates, naval architect, 70; Mr George Esson, chief con-stable, Dumfries and Galloway, 50; Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich, OM, former director, Warburg Institute, 83; Sir John Gray, marine biologist, 74; Mr Rolf Harris, entertainer, 62; Mr J.S. Jennings, a managing-direc-tor, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, 55; Sir Ian MacLaurin, chair-man, Tesco, 55; Lord Rayner, 66: Mr Tom Sharpe, novelist, 64; the Rev David Staple, General Secretary of the Free Church Federal Council, 62; the Countess of Sutherland, 71; Lord Tanlaw, 58; General Sir Richard Trant, 64; Sir John Wells, former MP, 67; Professor A.J. Zuckerman, dean, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 60.

#### Latest wills

Latest wills include (net, before

Mr Reginald Mervyn Dyer-Fisher, of Sidmouth, Devon £539.055. 

ess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel in-Chief. The Royal Anglian Regiment, this afternoon at-tended a Drum Head Service in Peterborough Cathedral and later took the salute at a March Past to celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Fifth (Volun-teer) Battalion.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Mr James Crowden (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire). Mrs Michael Harvey was in

#### Dinners

Society of Old Framinghamians The annual dinner of the Society of Old Framlinghamians was or Olin Framingnamians was held on Saturday at Fram-lingham College, Suffolk Mr J.H. Randell, president, was in the chair. Miss Ruth Elwood and Mr J. Studd also spoke. During dinner Mr Randell presented a set of bowls to Mr Peter Arbon to mark his retirement and sevice to the college's junior school, Brandeston Hall, Mr J. Miller, headmaster of the college, was among those present.

Rotary Club of London Mr Ken Standish, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at an anniversary dinner held on Saturday at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. General Arnold Brown, Salvation Army, was the guest speaker. The Ambassadors of Luxembourg and Paraguay were among the guests.

#### Service dinner

HQ Second Infantry Division
General Sir Peter Inge, Chief of
the General Staff, was guest of
honour at a dinner held on
Saturday in York to mark the
disbandment of the Headquarters of the Second Infantry Division. Major-General Michael Walker. General Officer Commanding, was host. Among others present were:

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General Sir Charles Guthrie, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkes, Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy MacKenzie,
Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Sonsent. Maint-General Michael Rose,

#### Reception

English-Speaking Union Lady Alexander of Weedon was held on Saturday at Westminste School to mark the national final of the English-Speaking Union's competition for schools. Mr David Thorp, director-general, welcomed the guests.



Mr Garry Trevellyn-Templeton was married on Saturday to Miss Nicola Murphy at the Chapel Royal. Tower of London, in a service conducted by the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope. The bride's father,
Jerry Murphy, is resident canon at the chapel. The reception was held in the White Tower

Clergy appointments

Whitchurch: to be Vicar, Almondsbury and Priest-in-

charge, Olveston, Aust, Elberton, Littleton-on-Severn (Bristol). The Rev Nicholas Howe, Curate, 5t Chad's, Lichfield (Lichfield): to

be Vicar, Holy Trinity in the Leeds City Team Ministry

The Rev Andrew Huckett, Chap-

lain for Missions to Seamen,

Milford Haven, Wales (St Da-vids): to be Chaplain for Missions

(Canterbury).
The Rev Neil Liewellyn, Rector,
Docking w The Birchams and
Stanhoe w Barwick (Norwich): to
be Chaplain, St George's, Ypres

Medway Ports

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Maimonides, philosopher and physician, Cordoba, Spain, 1135; Francisco de Goya, ainter, Fuendetodos, Spain, 1746; Anna Sewell, writer, Great Yarmouth, 1820; Charles Booth, shipowner and sociologist, Liverpool, 1840; Paul Verlaine, poet, Metz, France, 1844; Vinpoet, weez, France, 1844; Vincent van Gogh, painter, Zundert, Netherlands, 1853; Sean O'Casey, dramatist, Dublin, 1880.

DEATHS: Sebastien Le Prestre de Vauban, military engineer, Paris, 1707; William Hunter, obstetrician and medical writer, London, 1783; George (Beau) Brummell, man of fashion, Caen, France, 1840; Rudolph Steiner. scientist, founder of anthroposo-phy. Dornach, Switzerland, phy, Dornach, Switzerman, 1925; Léon Blum, premier of France 1936-37, Jouy-en-Josas, 1950; James Cagney, actor,

A terrorist bomb killed Airey Neave, MP, in the House of Commons car park, 1979.

#### Church news

and Talbot House, Poperinge, The Rev John Herbert, Rector, Alfrick and Lussey and Suckley and Leigh and Bransford, and Rural Dean of Martley and Worcester West: to be Vicar, of Hallow, and Rural Dean of Belgium (Europe). The Rev Paul Lock, Assistant Curate, Up Holland (Liverpool): to be Assistant Curate, Saints Peter and Paul, Teddington and SS Michael and George, Fulwell, Martley and Worcester West The Rev Paul Lomas, Assistant (Worcester). The Rev Ian Holdcroft, Vicar,

Curate, St Margaret, Hollinwood: to be Rector, Church of the Holy Family, Failsworth The Rev Christopher Morgan-

Jones, Vicar, St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Addington (Southwark): to be Vicar, All Saints, Maidstone w St Philip w St Stephen, Tovil (Canterbury).
The Rev Stephen Oram, RAF
Chaplain: to be Priest-in-charge. St Anne. Brislington (Bristol). The Rev Colin Patching, Curate, St Peter's, Didcor to be Priest-in-

charge; Steventon w Milton (Oxford). The Rev John Porter, Rector, Chapel Choriton, Maer and Whitmore to be Team Rector, Wednesfield Team Ministry The Rev James Saxton, Curate, Knaresborough: to be Vicar, St Luke's in the Seacrost Team Ministry (Ripon). The Rev Adrian Stringer, Assistant Curate, St Matthew, Barrow

(Carlisle): to be Team Vicar, St Thomas, Chequerbent The Rev David Thomas, Team Rector, the Canvey Island Team Ministry: to be Rector, Wivenhoe (Chelmsford).

The Rev Andrew Wade, Team Vicar, Probus, Ladock, Grampound w Creed and St Erme to be Vicar, Constantine (Truro).

The Rev Stephen Weston, Incumbent, Gate group (Stoke Goldington): to be also Rural Dean of Newport (Oxford).

The Rev Peter Whitaker, Vicar, Leichton Buzzard w Eccington Leighton Buzzard w Eggington, Hockliffe and Billington: to be Rector, Barton-le-Cley w Higham Gobion and Hexton (St Albans).

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr D.L. Arnold and Miss E.L. Stannard The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs A. Arnold, of Foxhall, Ipswich, Suffolk, and Elaine. daughter of Mr and Mrs L Stannard, of Coulsdon, Surrey.

Mr D.C. Colston and Mrs J.A. Stout

The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Judge and Mrs Colin Colston, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and Julia, widow of Mr John Stout and youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Godwin, of Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Mr A.W.G. Dixon-Smith and Miss A.M.C. Hogg The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs William Dixon-Smith, of Coggeshall, Essex, and Anna, younger daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs Peter Hogg, of Mr A.R.C. Gates and Miss L.M. Cockcroft The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Martin Gates, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire and Laura, daughter of Major

and Mrs Barnaby Cockeroft, o Ashford Hill, Berkshire. Mr S.H. Gibson and Miss T.A. Herbert

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J.H. Gibson, of Wass, North Yorkshire, and Tamsin, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Herbert, of Much Hadham. Hertiordshire.

Mr A.G. Mackay and Miss J.L.M. Knight The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Dr and Mrs Alasdair Mackay. of Burton. South Wirral, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr Michael Gilbert Knight and the late Mrs Brenda Knight, of Tylers Green. Buckinghamshire.

#### Marriages

The Hon T.P.1. Chaloner and Miss K.E. Thomas
The marriage took place on
Saturday at Christ Church,
Constantia, Cape Town, South Africa, of the Hon Perry Chaloner, elder son of Lord and Lady Gisborough, of Guisborough, Cleveland, to Miss Karen Thomas, only daughter of Mr Alan Thomas and Mrs Wendy Ogiela, of Cape Town. The Ven I. Eve officiated. The bride was given in mar-riage by her father.

Mr M.C.A. Brett and the Hon Emma Denison-

Pender The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, of Mr Matthew Brett, son of the Hon Christopher Brett and Mrs

Camilla Swayne, to the Hon Emma Denison-Pender, daughter of Lord and Lady Pender. Canon Donald Gray officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Walter Beckett.

Henry Domenge, Alexander Harman, Alice Lancaster, Henristen and Receptant Martin Smith etta and Rosanna Martin Smith. Susanna and Thomas Meade and Harriet Nash. Mr Mark Fletcher was best man. The honeymoon will be spent

abroad. Mr N.I. Cole and Miss J.A. Houghton The marriage took place on March 28, 1992, in Terling, Essex of Nicholas Ian, eldest son

of Mr and Mrs John Cole, to Julie Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs

#### **Appointments in the Forces**

THE ARMY

BRIGADIERS: D A K BISERIT - TO be Bde
Comd 49 inf Bde 01.04.92; H H RerrTO be Comd Engr HQ BAOR/BRSC
30.03.92; I G Reith - TO be Bde Comd 4
Armd Bde 03.04.92; P J Envisel-Jones TO be Comd: HQ RSME, 03.04.92; A J K
Calder - TO be Comd: HQ RSME, 03.04.92; A J K
Calder - TO be Comd: HQ BSGC, 30.03.92.
COLONELS: D C N Shaw - TO HQ The
Primes of Wales Div, 01.04.92; D P
Stephenson - TO be Comd Engr
RESOUTCE, 30.03.92.
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: S M Alabaster COLDM GDS - TO be Comd
Grands Dep, 30.03.92; G M Best RA Ch
D - Chaplain EDIST, 02.04.92; J J
Blackburn RA Ch D - Sen Chaplain HQ
EDIST, 02.04.92; P B C Cummings RCT
- TO be CO HQ 152 Amb Regt, 30.03.92;
C H B Garmeny ALC - TO HQ Wales &
WDIST, 01.04.92; G Hill RPC - TO HQ
BAOR/HQ SRSC, 30.03.92; A M F Jelf
QUEENS - TO MOD, 30.03.92; N Minim
Be - TO be Comd Eng HQ Mill Works
FOTCE, 30.03.92; G J Pariter BAEC - TO
ARELC, 30.03.92; M Smith RGI - TO Brit
Apples (USA), 03.04.92
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REGADIERS: A F S Ling Late QUEENS,

BEIGADIERS: A F S Ling Late QUEENS, 02.04,92; J D Rash Late RTR, 06.04.92.

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: R Howell - ACE SRGN Italy in
rank of Cdre 24.9.92; TA W Lewis - Staff
of CINCNAVHOME 24.7.92; R T R
Phillips - Staff of FOSF in rank of Cdre
7.8.92. Jellyman - MOD London 10.7.92; J E V Madgwick - MOD London 16.92; G P Parker - Staff of CINCNAVHOME - 11.2.92; D J Perkins - Staff of FOSF 26.6.92; C A J Silcock - MOD London 11.9.92; G R Tull - MOD London 25.9.92; K Watterson - Staff of FOSM 11.8.92; I R Wellestey-Rarding - MOD London 28.4.92.

SURGEON COMMANDER: C J Davis - Staff of SRAIOMSJ Plymouth 17.11.92; S D Glover - RNH Hoslar 18.6.92; P J Wangh - Seaffeld Park 22.9.92.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): W R Lock - Heron 17.7.92.

Refirements
REAR ADMIRAL: D M Dow - 25.7.92: 11
M Pulverialt - 25.7.92.
COMMODORE: J A Aston - 13.6.92.
CAPTAIN: D Wright - 11.6.92: D G
Wixon - 16.6.92

#### University news

Cambridge PEMBROKE COLLEGE To honorary fellowships: Lord Prior, Lord Blake, Lord Justice Taylor, Sir Henry de Waal, Professor W A Fowler, Professor S K Donaldson, C J H Hogwood

Nottingham Senior Appoin James Carmichael to the John B. Cochrane Cancer Research Cam- of Theology

SONG thrushes are singing

paign Chair of Clinical Oncology. Saffa Bashir Riffat to the British Gas Chair in Architectural Technology and Energy. Malcolm Francis Graham Stevens to the CRC Chair of Experimental Chemotherapy.

Anthony Charles Thiselton to the Chair of Christian Theology and the Headship of the Department

#### Nature notes

long before dawn, but mistle thrushes wait until there is some light in the sky. Many song thrushes have also started nesting: they have not had any difficulty in collect-ing mud for their nest-linings this year. The four or five spotted blue eggs will be laid on this hard, bare shell, which warms up like a clay oven when the female is sit-ting. Starlings have also started building their nests under roofs; the males have now added a spring strand to their song, a brief melodious outburst among their usual whistles and clickings. Blackheaded guils have left the fields and are arriving back on shingle beaches and moors: they breed in colonies, and at present are quarrelling

furiously as they stake out

their small nesting plots.



Cow parsiey leaves are growing in broad green carpets: here and there precocious plants rise above them, their purple stems 18 inches high, and their white flowers almost open. Dandelions have large yellow blossoms along the banks. Hombeam leaves are coming out: when the buds first open they split in two, like a small pair of pincers. A few days later the cluster of scales and leaves has the shape of a star.

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## Fateful decree that shattered a Jewish golden age

**David Goldberg** 

In Madrid tomorrow, King Juan Carlos will formally repeal the Declaration of Expulsion of the Jews of Spain on the 500th anniversary of its signing by his ancestors March 31, 1492, in the recently captured Alhambra of Granada the last Muslim stronghold on the Iberian peninsula - that the Catholic monarchs gave their assent to the fateful decree that brought to a close over 1,000 years of domicile in a country where Jewish culture had achieved its most glittering synthesis of rabbinic scholarship, secular learning, economic influence and social acceptance. The Jews were given four months in which to quit Spain, and by the end of July between 100,000 and 150,000 refugees had fled, accompanied on

their march by musicians playing lively tunes, to keep up their spirits. So shocking was the expulsion order, and so strong the sense of its Jewish participants that they were involved in a radical re-ordering of history, that the events of 1492 soon acquired mythic overtones. Some commentators, for example, cited the date of the exodus as the Ninth of Av, the corresponding day in the Jewish calendar on which the first and second Temples had been de-stroyed; in fact, all Jews had left Spain, or been imprisoned, before

Another persistent legend has Don Isaac Abrabanel, the foremost Jewish statesman and financier of the time, negotiating a huge bribe with Ferdinand and Isabella to re-verse their decision, when in burst Torquemada, the fearsome Inquisitor-General and himself of Jewish descent, who flung down a crucifix before the throne and cried: "Judas sold his Master for 30 pieces of silver. Now you would sell him

again!" The sober facts of Spanish Jewry's fall from high estate to exile are melancholy enough not to require such fanciful accretions. By the fourteenth century, about 200,000 Jews lived in Castile and Aragon, barely affected by the Christian Reconquista and avoiding the waves of persecution visited on Jewish communities elsewhere in Europe. As they had done under Muslim sovereignty, Jews rose to important positions in diplomacy and finance, and participated in all the professions and crafts, their economic and religious rights guaranteed by charter. They were grant-ed large tracts of land to develop, as the Spanish kings completed the reconquest of the peninsula. Samuel Abulafia (1320-61) became treasurer to Pedro the Cruel of Castile, and during his stewardship several synagogues were built for the 300 communities of the realm, including the

lovely Sinagoga del Transito in To-ledo. Both Muslim and Christian influences contributed to the intellectual milieu of Spanish Jewry. The natural sciences, astronomy, mathematics, medicine and philosophy were studied, as well as mystical theology: the basic text of kabbalah. the Book of the Zohar, was com-

he good times changed after the civil war between Pedro the Cruel and his half-brother, Henry of Trastanara. Jewish communities paid in ransack and repression for having supported the defeated Pe-dro. Ill-feeling simmered for the next few decades, exacerbated by the sermons of church leaders, until. in 1391, anti-Jewish violence erupted in Seville and spread throughout

Castile and Aragon. Thousands were killed by the mobs.
The effect on Spanish Jewry was traumatic. Tens of thousands converted en masse to Christianity, led by the wealthiest and most prominent members of the community. These conversos or "New Christians", warmly welcomed by the church triumphant, came to enjoy privileged status.

They married into the nobility, entered the highest ranks of state administration, and advanced in the church hierarchy. Typical was Pablo de Santa Maria, bishop of Burgos, formerly Rabbi Solomon silver or precious stones, and the ha-Levi. Within 25 years conversos royal treasury confiscated syna- referred to as marrano, "swine". by their enemies - numbered almost as many as loyal Jews.

Priests accused them of being Jews in disguise, who secretly practised their former religion. They kept the Sabbath, circumcised their children, and furtively visited synagogues. An anti-converso riot occurred in Toledo in 1449, the first of many until 30 years later, Aragon and Castile were united by Ferdinand's marriage to Isabella. It was they who established the Spanish Inquisition. The first auto-da-fe was held in early 1481, when six men and women of Jewish origin were burned alive. In 20 years, the Inquisition confiscated the property of 30,000 secret Jews and burned at the stake those who did not repent.

It was a short, inexorable step from the persecution of alleged secret Jews to the proscription of openly avowing Jews. A fabricated blood-libel charge at Avila served as pretext for the edict of expulsion. It was necessary, according to the edict's text, in order to prevent the Jews from malignly influencing conversos, and to purify the Christian faith. The theological justifications of the Inquisition went handin-hand with crude extortion. Jews were forbidden to leave with gold,

gogues and communal property. There was a last flurry of bap-

negotiation, to avert the inevitable. A mood of poignant resignation, tinged with expressions of repentance and messianic yearning, colours the writings and reminiscences of the Spanish refugees. They convey an overwhelming sense of a golden age having come to an end. The greatest medieval centre of Judaism had fallen, changing for ever, with baleful consequences, the future balance of Jewish demography and history. Many thousands of the fugitives went to North Africa, the eastern Mediterranean countries, and Ottoman Turkey.

Still more crossed the Pyrenees and settled throughout Europe. They mourned their expulsion from a beloved homeland, the greatest disaster to befall Jewry since the wars against Rome; but even that would pale into insignificance compared with the fate suffered by their descendants 450 years later, at the hands of the Nazis.

Rabbi David J. Goldberg is Senior Rabbi of The Liberal Jewish Syna-gogue and co-author of The Jewish People: Their History and Their Religion published by Viking/

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - On March 25th 1992, to Martin and Rose inte Fanshawel, a son. Edward, al Si Mary's Hospital, Paddington. FABER - On March 20th to Sally (née Gilbert) and David. a son (Henry Mark Tufnell) SHERMAN - On March 20th. MERMAN - On Marra Ruir, 1992 in Hull to Janet the Phillips) and Kevin, a son, Henry Joseph Robert Thomas a brother for Clare, Victoria. Rosalle and

MARRIAGES ABU JABER:POOLE - On

March 27th with service of blessing at St Mary's. Lawford Hasan to Alice

DEATHS

ADAMS - On March 26th 1992, in hospital at Taunton after a short illness, Betty isabel iformerly Tucker) aged 65 of Trull, Taunton. Previously of Worthing, Wife of Bernard, Funeral at All Saint's Church, Truli on Watnesday April 1st al Wednesday April 1st al 11.45 am. Followed by pri-tate cremation. Donations for MIND or Cancer research to Leonard E. mith. Funeral Directors. 1 sydon Road, Taunton.

BATES Henry aged 92 on March 26th at Hill Head. Husband of Mariorle, father Tuesday March 31st at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, Donalions appreciated to Crofton P.C.C. c/o A.H. Freemantle, South Street, Tilchfield.

BURTON - On 25 March, peacefully after a long illness. Nigel Ainsile, the beloved husband of Winfred and faither of Neal, Mourned by both family and many friends. Funeral service and burial at St. Thomas-in-the-Bourne, Farnham, on Thursday 2 April at 2.30pm Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Boundstone West Ward Fund, Farnham Hospilal, c/o H.C. Patrick & Co. (0252) 714884 to whom enquiries should be made.

GAMERON - On March 27th, peacefully. Joan Hilda, widow of Bruce, beloved mother and grandmother. Private cremation followed by service of thanksgiving at St. Luke's Church, Sway, Hants 2pm Wed 1st April. Donations, if desired, to Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond St. London WC1.

DEATHS de MAJO - On March 24th, in her 73rd year, after prolonged illness borne with protonged iliness borne with great courage, from heart failure. At The Royal Marsden Hospital, Veronica Mary de Majo, wife of W.M., de Majo, mother of Monkra and Francesca de Majo and Sarina Burrows, sister of Bentia and irirend of Paule Messonnal. Cremation will lake place at 3 pm on Thursdey April 2nd at Putney Vale. Roehampton, Family flowers only. donations appreciated in her memory, to be sent to The Consultant's Research Fund, Royal Mirrsden Hospital, 203 Fulham Road, London SWS.

FOX - On March 19th 1992. OX - On March 19th 1992, in hospital at Middlesbrough, Dents William. Solicitor. Lecturer and Writer, darling husband of Joyce and dearty loved son of the late Eisle and George. Will be greatly missed by close family and his friends and colleagues at Teesside Polytechnic. Funeral has already laken place.

GIORDANI - On March 27th. at home. Aldous Most loved husband of Christine. Father of Laura and grandfather of Isabelle and Julia. Requiem Mass at 10.00am Thursday April 2nd at Church of Our Lady. Lodge Road, NWB. All enquiries to H.J. Beni & Co Lid. Aberdeen Place. NWB. Tel: 071 723 1186.

MacGRATH - Leucen. beloved sister of Etta, peace-fully after a short litness at her London home last Friday March 27th. No Funeral, at her request

KITLEY - On March 26th 1992. Michael, of Purley, beloved husband of Joan and faiher of Christopher and Nicholas and brother of Roger. Service at Randalis Park Crematorium. Leatherhead, on Wednesday April 1st at 11.30 am. Family Rowers only but donations if desired to St George's Hospital, Oncology Dept., Tooling, SW17.

DEATHS

PERRIN - On March 27th, peacefulty after a long litness, Nancy, most dearly loved and loving: wife of the late Sir Michael Percin, mother of Charles and of Clare Ettis, Orandmother and Great Grandmother, Funeral at the Parish Church of Si. John at Hampstead. Church Row, on Thursday, April 2nd at 3.00pm. Enquiries please lo: 4 Holford Road, Hampstead. NW3

ROSS - On March 26th 1992. at home, Derek Leighton, dearly loved husband of Enid, devoted father of Gillian, Peter and David and loving grandfather of Sophie, Rafela, Alexandra, Anthony, William and Lucy, Funeral Sophie on Tuesday March William and Lucy, whereas Service on Tuesday March 31st at 11,30 am. The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road. Brighton Family flowers only. Enquiries to Hamilington F/D. 102731

BIORDAN - On March 25th 1992, peacefully at Upton Grey after a short illness borne with characteristic courage and determination. Mary Armstrong 'May' inter Drummond aged 94 years, beloned wife of the late J. Lindsay Riordan, darfing 'Little Mum' of lan, France; and Barbara, loving Gran of Lindsay, his wife Karen and Andrew and mother-in-law of Shirley and the late Peter R. H. Anderson O B.E. Funerial Service at St Mary's Church. Upton Grey, on Wednesday April 1st at 1,45 pm followed by cremation at Aldershot Crematorium at 3 pm. Familly Rowers only please but donations, if desired, 10 The Royal Masonic Hospital or St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, may be sent to Alexander & Dry. 1 Seal Road, 844663.

SOMERVILLE - On March
27th. aged 69. al Osborne,
I.O.W., James (Hugh) D.S.C.
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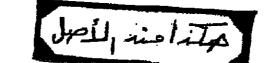
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**EMPAQUETAGE** 

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#### EARL SPENCER

Earl Spencer, LVO, DL, 8th earl and father of the Princess of Wales, died yesterday aged 68. He was born on January 24,

SOME men are born famous, others achieve fame, but few have it thrust upon them so forcibly as this amiable peer. His distinction reflected the fame of his immediate family.

Earl Spencer's daughter, Diana, became the Princess of Wales in 1981. It was his deportment, still affected by a stroke he had sustained three years before, on the day of her marriage to the Prince of Wales on July 29, 1981, that gave him a place in the hearts of the nation. Although weak and still unsteady on his feet, he conducted himself with courage and determination during a long and exhausting day of pageantry which involved him in escorning his daughter up the long aisle of St Paul's Cathedral and standing on the cathedral steps after the ceremo-

Contact with the Royal family was, of course, nothing new to Earl Spencer. In the 1950s He had been an equerry successively to King George VI and the Queen. As such he had accompanied the Queen on the Commonwealth tour which was one of principal features of the early

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part of her reign.
Other aspects of his family life did not give such unalloyed pleasure as his youngest daughter's marriage. His son, Lord Althorp, soon devel-Loped an impenious public personality of his own and was rarely out of the newspapers. And his second wife, the novelist Barbara Cartland's daughter, Raine, was a powerful figure whose devotion to her husband from their marriage in 1976 never wavered, even if to outsiders it often seemed to be domination.

That this devotion to her husband could be a force for his own good never reconciled her to her stepchildren. She saved his life in 1978 by procuring a new, untested drug to treat his stroke. Her redecoration and aggressive marketing of what might have been a steadily decaying stately home at Althorn in Northamptonshire brought it a new pros-



Enduring partnership: Earl and Countess Spencer among their art treasures at Althorp

perity and dynamism. But this too increased family unhappiness at Lady Spencer's ascendancy, which became desperate as the couple began selling off family heirlooms, sales that reached what many conservationists a crisis in 1991.

Edward John ("Johnny") Spencer was the only son of parents whose families had long served as courtiers. Known as Lord Althorp until his father died in 1975, he was educated at Eton and Sandhurst and subsequently joined the Royal

Scots Greys. Though his military career was brief, he was mentioned in dispatches during the second world war.

From 1947 to 1950 he was ADC to the Governor of South Australia. In 1950 he became equerry to George VI, continuing in the post until 1954 under the present Queen. He joined the Queen's Commonwealth tour of 1953-54 as equerry and acting Master of the Household. A keen amateur cameraman, he filmed many of the tour's events. On his return to Britain he showed the film around Norfolk with a running commentary of his own, raising £2,500 for charity.

In June 1954 he married the Hon Frances Roche, daughter of the 4th Lord Fermoy, and subsequently settled down to farm near Sandringham. In Northamptonshire, where Althorp is situated, he served as High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenand the local council. A more outre one daughter.

post was his chairmanship of the Schoolmistresses' and Governesses' Benevolent Institution from 1962, though it was appropriate in view of his youngest daughter's later employment at a Pimlico kinder-

In 1969 the Althorps were divorced. He obtained custody of the children and struggled to bring them up alone. His second marriage with Raine, divorced wife of Lord Dartmouth, followed their shared involvement in European Heritage Year in 1975.

Lord and Lady Spencer - it became impossible to regard their activities separately — threw them-selves energetically into showing Althorp to the public. The guide book was a joint effort: his remarkably professional photographs, her effusive text. They had already collaborated on a pamphlet entitled What is Our Heritage? with colleagues in 1975. They installed a wine mart at Althorp and introduced "own-label" wines. A particular bid was made to attract Japanese package tours and conferences. The exercise was reminiscent of some of the Duke of Bedford's earlier commercial efforts at Woburn. While it had its purist detractors, such entrepreneurship is at least one way of ensuring that such great houses can survive in private hands.

But death duties as well as Althorp's upkeep remained a problem. The Spencers sold valuable paintings and other possessions, challenging those who believe that every house must be forced to retain all its existing works of art, irrespec-tive of financial shortages. Art historians rate the Althorp collection highly, but it remains one of the finest in private hands and Earl Spencer's sales can hardly be described as catastrophic.

Earl Spencer's eldest daughter. Sara Lavinia, married, in 1980, Neil Edmund McCorquodale; his second daughter, Jane, married, in 1978, Sir Robert Fellowes, KCVO. CB, Private Secretary to the Queen. His son and heir, who now succeeds him, married in 1989, the former ant. In Norfolk he sat on the bench model Victoria Lockwood; they have

#### JAMES WEBB

James Edwin Webb, who managed the space pro-gramme that led to the first manned landing on the moon in 1969, died of heart failure in Washington on March 27 aged 85. He was born in Granville County, North Carolina, on October 7, 1906.

WHEN President John F. Kennedy vowed, on taking office in 1961, that "this country is dedicated to landing men on the moon and returning them safely within the decade", it is doubtful that he knew what he was promising. The task was immense. In terms of complexity and the exploration of unknown scientific frontiers, there had been nothing like it since the Manhattan Project produced the first atomic bomb. James Webb was the man appointed to fulfil the promise At the time, Webb was a

private businessman, working as a director and assistant to the president of an Oklahoma oil company. His qualifications to become head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration seemed minimal. He had, it was true, been in government service before: President Truman had named him as director of the Bureau of the Budget from 1946 to 1949. and he had served as under secretary of state to Dean Acheson from 1949 to 1952. But with the coming of the Eisenhower administration he yielded to the American system of political natronage and retired to the corporate boardroom.

He was a lawyer by education, the son of a rural schools superintendent. His only connection with science and aviation had been a brief spell as a pilot in the Marine Corps from 1930 to 1932, and work as personnel director and treasurer of the Sperry Gyroscope Company in the immediate pre-war years. He had graduated from George Washington University and been admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1936.

With America still in a state of shock following the sur-prise launching of the Sput-

nik satellite by the Soviet Union in 1958. Webb was the man chosen to lead the space race. As it turned out. President Kennedy had made a wise choice. With his even temper, his willingness to delegate, and his talent for inspiring loyalty among his stall. Webb soon proved the ideal man for the job. Few others could have pulled together the disparate elements of science, engineering, polities and finance necessary to achieve the goal. He was a shy man, shunning media attention and even staying away from spacecraft launches, but under his leadership NASA began to catch up with and then surpass the Soviet

achievements.
The first American manned space flight, by Alan Shepard, was followed swiftly by John Glenn's first orbit in the Mercury programme, the first two-man flights and the first walk in space by Edward H. White. In addition to the manned programme. Webb's eight year tenure at NASA also included unmanned flights to observe Mars and Venus, the development of weather and communica-tions satellites, and a host of technical innovations in aviation.

More than any other factor, Webb's management style was credited with defeating the Soviet Union in the race to the moon. Ironically, however, he was not present for the grand finale. When President Richard Nixon took office in 1969 he wanted his own political appointee in charge of NASA, and Webb stepped down a few months before the triumphant Apollo launch to make room for his

deputy, Thomas Paine. In later years Webb served on the President's Council on Equal Employment Opportu-nities and headed the Frontiers of Science Foundation. He was a member of numerous boards and committees, ranging from McDonnell Aircraft and the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies to the National Civil Service League.

James Webb is survived by Patsy, his wife of 53 years, a son and a daughter.

#### NANCY WALKER

Nancy Walker, American television actress, died of lung cancer at her home in Studio City, California, on March 25 aged 69. She was born in Philadelphia on May 10, 1922.

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NANCY Walker had a talent to make people laugh which showed itself very early in life. Born Anna Myrtle Swoyer to vaudeville performers, she slept in the wings while her mother and father were on stage. At the age of ten months she crawled into the spotlight and stole the show. From that point there was no

looking back. Her choice of a stage name was almost accidental. In 1942, seeking her first Broadway role in the Richard Rougers comedy Best Foot Forward, she was introduced at the audition as Miss Walker. Rodgers and his producer George Abbott had been expecting a singer named Helen Walker to audition for a minor five-line role. But their minds were changed when Nancy belted out a song Bounce Me Brother With a Solid Four. She not only got the part but it was re-written into a leading role. The 19 year old became an instant success and from that time on

her name was Walker. She spent the first 30 years of her acting career on the New York stage and claimed that she never knew she could be a comedian until she started getting laughs in Best Foot Forward. Many comedy

parts followed, including starring roles in On the Town, Pal Joey, and Look, Ma. I'm Dancing, and several Holly-wood films made under a

seven year MGM contract. With her long face and red hair. Nancy Walker was never a raving beauty; but she had the talent to stay in the public eye for five decades. Nor was her ability confined to acting. She became one of the very few women to direct and act on Broadway and in

In 1956 she made her Broadway directing debut with UTBU, starring Thelma Ritter and Tony Randall, and during the 1970s she directed episodes of The Mary Tyler Moore Show, Rhoda, and Alice. Her speciality was play-ing loud-mouthed housekeepers and mothers-in-law, notably in the television series Rhoda and McMillan and Wife, both of which earned her Emmy nominations

Her most recent work was a starring role in the Fox television sitcom True Colours, the last episode of which was completed just before her death. Many American viewers, however, will remember her best as Rosie the waitress, forever wiping up after careless customers in an advertisement for a well known brand of paper towels; she saw nothing to be ashamed of in commercial appearances. Nancy Walker is survived by her husband, David Craig.

and one daughter.

John Herbert Babington, GC, OBE, former bomb-disposal specialist and headmaster, died on March 24 aged 81. He was born on February 6, 1911.

> JOHN Babington was a strong, quiet man taken by the demands of war from the teaching of physics to its practice in disarming unexploded bombs. His persistent courage in disarming dangerously booby-trapped bombs which had already claimed the lives of colleagues earned him the George Cross in 1940 and appointment as OBE (military) in 1943.

> Babington was born in Tai Chow Foo. China, the son of medical missionary parents. On his return to Leicester he attended the Wyggeston School. Declining to follow the family traditions of church or medicine, he read physics at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. The war found him teaching physics at King's College School, Wimbledon. Although his family was devoid of maritime tradition he volunteered for the submarine service but was rejected, oresumably because of his great height (6ft 3in). Instead he opted for a quiet life in bomb disposal.

> His most dangerous operation was mine which had brought Chatham Dockyard to a standstill in December 1940. It was believed to be protected by an anti-handling device of a kind which had already killed another officer. The impetus of the mine had driven it 16 feet underground. Babington, by this stage temporary acting sub-lieutenant, RNVR, volunteered to deal with it and prepared the fuse for removal. It could we detonated at any time. The line which he attached to the fuse to remove it broke. Eventually he had to be lowered three times into the 16ft pit before his attempts succeeded and the bomb could be lifted and taken away.



JOHN BABINGTON, GC

He spent the rest of the war in dangerous tinkering and teaching such skills to others, and was appointed military OBE in 1943, once more for "coolness and courage in operations involving great risk to himself".

After the war he returned to education as assistant education officer in Hert-fordshire, becoming headmaster of Diss Grammar School in 1947. In 1951 he became the headmaster of the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook, a magnificent naval establishment, fully equipped with cannon and training mast, but then devoted to the relatively perfunctory academic education of the orphans of ratings of the Royal Navy. His mission to turn it into the substantial educational establishment which it has now become

did not initially find favour with the authorities who jibbed even at the provision of facilities and funds.

Babington did not win that battle and left in 1955 to become headmaster of Ashlyn's School, Berkhamsted, a secondary modern school which, before its transfer to the county, had been the rural incarnation of the Foundling Hospital's School. As at Holbrook much charitable money had been lavished on splendid architecture: once again his role was to turn buildings into a school. He left it a showpiece comprehensive on his retirement 25 years later.

John Babington's manner was dignified but warm; his speech careful, humorous, even ponderous. A lifelong churchgoer of low church tastes, he was a lay reader for many years. He followed the dictates of conscience with the same logical rigour and punctilio with which he removed fuses from bombs. He never cut corners and never bent rules, sometimes to his considerable disadvantage. He was preserved from sanctimony by his belief that his place was with the publican rather than with the Pharisee a conviction which extended from communion rail to saloon bar. His anger was the more impressive for being rare. To friends and acquaintances he seemed to be one of the last gentlemen in England. No-one could recall his ever being rude through lanse or intent: his elaborate courtesy never deserted him.

He retired to playing golf and enthusing over rugby. His wartime career fiddling with bombs lived on in building gadgets, making jewellery and amassing tools of every description; scientific interests which recalled the PhD which circumstances had prevented his following before the war. For more than ten years he served on the committee of the VC and GC Association.

His wife Muriel died in 1990; he is survived by a son and two daughters.

#### **APPRECIATION**

#### Georges Delerue

MAY I add a paragraph your obituary (March 24) of Georges Delerue? Even if he was best known for his film scores, his music for ballet ought not to pass unmentioned, since he fulfilled commissions for companies as important as the Paris Opera (Georges Skibine's Conte Cruel in 1959) and the Royal Danish ballet (Flemming Flind's big, ambitious Three Musketeers in 1966).

His best ballet score was for The Lesson, Flindt's adaptation into dance of the Ionesco play. First made for Danish

television in 1963, this had its stage première at the Opéra Comique in Paris the next year, and has never since been absent from the stage. Productions have included, in Britain, the Scottish Ballet and Northern Ballet Theatre, besides a particularly memorable staging for one of Nureyev's Coliseum seasons when he danced with Natalia Makarova.

The compelling drama of the choreography, especially for the male role, is the explanation of the ballet's great success, but Delerue's vivid, insistently rhythmic score deserves full share of the credit.

John Percival

1895

#### ing cry of agony, proceeding from thousands of throats, as

March 30 ON THIS DAY

The sufferings of the Armenians in Turkey, a cause so close to Gladstone's heart,

led to the publication of two lengthy dispatches, of which this extract is typical. Indeed, a leading article introducing them explained that the worst of the atrocities had been omitted from the report in order to spare the readers feelings.

#### THE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES

About the middle of the district

between Dalvorig and Shadak is a large mountain, Andoke by name. It is evidently an extinct volcano, for at the summit there is a large bowl-shaped hollow. There are precipitous cliffs about its base, and the slopes are in many places well wooded. With plenty of ammunition and provisions, a small force could almost render it impregnable. The inhabitants of a number of villages had fled to this mountain, at the beginning of hostilines, taking what of their flocks they could, and their number was constantly being added to as people escaped from the invading forces. This mountain was surrounded by troops and Kurds. The latter for days provoked the exhaustion of what little ammunition the Armenians had left, but none of them seemed to know the path of approach to the summit. Finally an agha of the Bakranli tribe, Amar by name, son of Gako, was found, who knew the way and showed it to the troops and Kurds. For this service the Kurds have repeatedly said that Amar received a decoration from the Sultan. though I have not been able to find anyone who had actually seen the decoration. Very early one morning the forces steal up the sides of Andoke. They almost surround the rim of the great hollow before the people

gathered below are aware. Who can describe that despair-

the poor people find themselves hedged in. The cry is heard by those at a distance below the mountain, as is also the bugle giving the order to charge. At first the crowd is thinned out by volleys of bullets, and then the bayonet and sword do the rest. The number is said to have been from 4,000 to 5,000, but this is probably a great exag-geration. The bodies were heaped together with wood sene, and set afire, as was done in most other cases where the people were killed in crowds, and there was no convenient wheat pit or natural trench or eully into which to throw them Those who were killed here and there among the rocks and bushes were left unburied. The weather and birds did the rest. The crows which are usually so common in Mush and vicinity had all deserted this year for more lucrative employment. When the wind was in the right direction the steach was perceptible on the mountains within sight of Mush. Let me explain the part

played by the Kurds in the affair. It seems the Rushkotli tribe was late in getting to the scene of action, and found things so thoroughly swept before them that, rather than go back empty, they went out of the way and attacked the village of Marnig, behind Havadvorik, and took away 1,600 sheep. The people complained to the Government and soldiers were sent, who recovered 600. Apart from spoils in sheep, cattle, and goods, the Kurds were active in taking captive women and children. The Bakranli tribe alone, it is said, took off 400 women, besides children. Of all the women and children that were taken off by the Kurds and troops, especially by the officers of the latter, I think 1,000 a safe estimate. The Sheikh of Zelon received oneeighth of the spoils taken by the tribes under his control. His share was 800 sheep and goats, 40 mules, 33 choice cows, and three or four mares.

#### Astronomy

## The night sky in April

By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a morning star throughout the month but being south of the Sun remains low in the sky and will not be readily visible. It reaches greatest western elongation (27 degrees) on the 23rd at 0 magnitude and it will be 2 degrees north of Verius on the 5th/6th.

Venus is also a morning star but rises less than an hour before the Sun and even with a brightness of -3.9 magnitude it will be difficult to glimpse as it rises in the eastern sky during morning twilight. The waning crescent Moon is to the north on the 1st. Mars has brightened to 1.2 magnitude but remains near the

magnitude our remains near the eastern horizon rising only an hour before the Sun and will not be visible to the naked eye before June. The Moon is to the north on the 29th.

Jupiter is in Leo, a brilliant -2.3 magnitude evening star throughout April, setting by 03h late in the month. The waxing gibbons Moon is to the south on the 13th. Saturn is in Capricornus rising by 02h by the 30th. The Moon is

nearby on the 26th. Uranus is in Sagittarius, rising in the south-east soon after midnight by the 30th. It is stationary on the 22nd. The last quarter Moon passes only 2 degrees to the north of the 6th magnitude plan et on the 23rd/24th.

Neptune is also in Sagittarius and is stationary on the 20th. The 8th magnitude planet will be about 2 degrees to the north of Uranus for much of the year and rising and sening about the same times. The Moon passes less than a degree to the north of Neptune on the 23rd/24th.

The Moon: new Moon, 3d 05h; first quarter, 10d 10h; full Moon, 17d 05h; last quarter, 24d

Sunset on the 1st is at 18h 35m and on the 30th at 19h 25m while sunrise is at 05h 35m and 04h 30m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 20h 30m and 21h 55m early and late in the month and begins at 03h 40m and 02h 00m.

In the February notes it was mentioned that the winter constellations soon disappear into evening twilight during April. when the days are lengthening

quickly.

The time of real darkness, between the end and beginning of astronomical twilight, decreases by more than three hours in the southern British Isles dur-ing April, about half in the morning and half in the evening.
The familiar constellation Orion that was high in the south-west in darkness in March is already near the horizon by dusk early in

April and has all but disappeared by mid-month. By the time of our chart, the Pleiades, Aldebaran and Algol all lie along the northwestern horizon. The summer ations rising in the east are less conspicuous and wellknown. There is a rather large area devoid of bright stars to the The bright stars Vega in Lyra

(the lyre or harp) and Deneb in Cygnus (the swan) are circumpo-lar at our latitudes, meaning they never set, and both have been isible along the northern horizon all night during the winter. The celestial equator lies immdiately above the Earth's equator. For an observer anywhere

along the equator, the celestial equator passes through the zenith (overhead). A star's position to the north or south of the celestial equator is called its declination and is measured in degrees from the equator (0 degrees) towards the north pole (+90 degrees) or the south pole (+90 degrees). How high a star can rise in the sky depends on one's own latitude and the star's declination A little to the north of London

for example at a latitude of 52 degrees north, the equator reaches an altitude above the southern horizon of 90 - 52 - 38 degrees, so any star with a south ern declination of -38 degrees or more will never rise. In the northern sky our same

observer will see the north pole of the sky (Polaris is less than a degree away from the pole) 90 - 38 = 52 degrees above the northern horizon. In other words the altitude of the pole is equal to the latitude of the place of observa-tion, and this applies all over the Any star with a declination of

more than +38 degrees will never set. Vega just scrapes the horizon at its lowest point with a declina-tion of +39 degrees while Deneb clears the horizon by 5 degrees. At the Earth's equator the whole of the night sky, both the northern and southern hernispheres can be seen, but at any one moment half of each is below the horizon. At the Earth's north pole only the northern hemisphere can be seen and that is always above the horizon, the southern hemisphere being per-pensally below the Locison. The petually below the horizon. The celestial equator lies along the horizon. At the south pole it is the northern sky that can never be



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the intitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time, at places away from the Greenwich meast at which the diagram applies are laint than the showe by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and exilier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be puried so that the horizon the observer is haring shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the pentils being at the course. Greenwich Mean Time, known in autonomers as I behaves This.

## Diet transforms child behaviour

By LOUISE HIDALGO

RESEARCH carried out at Great Ormond Street children's hospital supports the theory that the behaviour of hyperactive children can be affected by diet.
Unpublished details of the

study reveal that more than 80 per cent of hyperactive children who responded to a special diet cutting out foods known to cause allergies underwent marked changes in behaviour. The new study supports the findings of previ-ous research at Great Ormond Street which was met with scepticism by the medi-

cal profession.
Professor Stephan Strobel. the specialist in paediatric

Continued from page 1 them their special status has

collapsed with the end of the

Cold War. The defence towns are out in the cold.

Many of Russia's best minds, applied for the past

four decades to pushing out

the bounds of Soviet science

and competing with the West

in utter secrecy, must now be

bent to quite a different pur-

pose. They must test their products in competition with

To its few visitors, the con-

cept and the reality of Kras-

noyarsk-26 make it appear

an élite prison but no less

prison-like for that. About 15

miles across, it is surrounded

by several rows of high fenc-

ing. The entry gate looks like one of the former border

checkpoints between East and West Germany. There is

even a miniature no man's

land and a white notice say-

ing "customs post". A railway

line, apparently for goods

traffic only, enters at the same

In the centre of the surface city is Soviet communism

as it was meant to be. Krasno-

yarsk-26 is the tidiest,

cleanest, most orderly city I

have seen in Russia. Not a

scrap of litter pollutes its

streets. The quality of build-

ing and maintenance is out-

standing — it was built and is

maintained by soldiers. The

snow is neatly cleared. The

trees which line the pave

the rest of the world.

Town with no name

is out in the cold

immunology who led the research, said: "The study shows there is a sub-group of children who do respond to diet, in some cases dramatically. More research needs to be done on the reason for this but it does show that in some cases the manic behaviour of the hyperactive child can be transformed into the underlying naughtiness of the nor-

mai child." The two-year study was carried out in two stages: 80 hyperactive children, none of whom was known to have food allergies, were tested to see if they responded to the diet, which cuts outmilk, eggs, citrus fruits, colourings,

orchestra and a choir. Its ratio of shops and services to population is closer to the Western idea of what a town

should provide. Its kindergar-

tens, schools, colleges, re-

creation facilities and sup-

plies of housing, food and

consumer goods were the best that the Soviet system could provide. The housing was

more spacious, and there was

enough for everyone. Until

the system faltered, supplies

of food and consumer goods

were always first class. In the looking-glass world of the Soviet Union, the only places

where communism worked

1949 and the first defence

industries were established in the early 1950s by special order of Stalin. The first sci-

entists came from Leningrad.

and the wave of immigrants

culminated in 1959, when

the current director, Mikhail

Reshetney, accompanied by the brightest and best of his

vear arrived to take up their

posts. And that is one of the

town's tragedies: it is frozen

The town and all it contains

would be such an impressive

sign of openness were it not so sad — its attempts to attract

Western investment a barely

disguised end-of-season sale

by a system that has bank-

in the 1950s.

were closed to prying eyes.

preservatives, chocolate, wheat and other known allergens. Those who responded - about a quarter - went on to a series of double-blind tests, where the behavioural change in more than 80 per cent was directly linked to

what they are.

Hyperactivity affects one in 200 children, mainly boys. The disorder, which can blight the lives of children and their families, typically leads to impulsive behaviour, lack of concentration, aggression, and little sense of personal danger.

Sheeda Yeadon's two sons have both been found to be year-old Craig, has been in trouble with the police 19 times in two years. He would vandalise the family home and could be violent. Matthew, who is eight, was diffi-cult to control and brimming

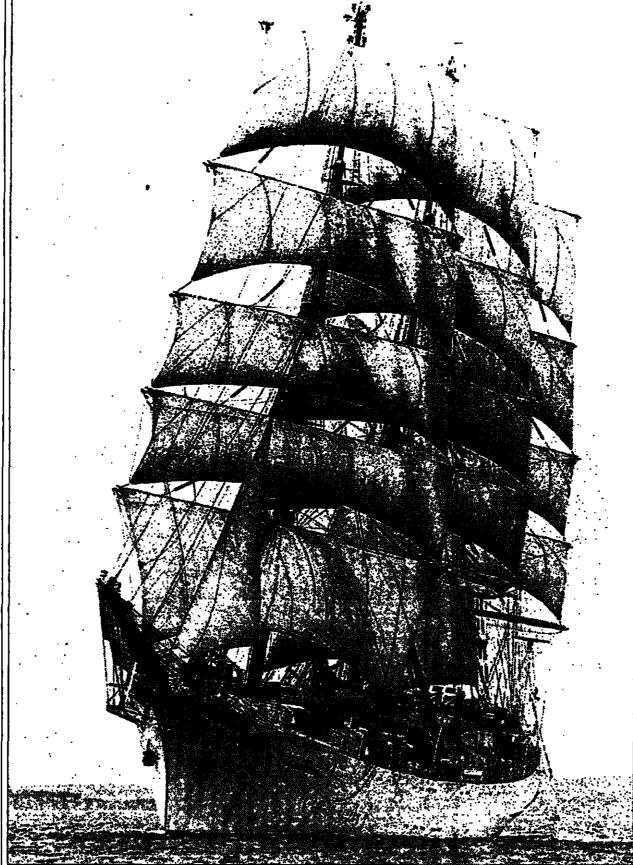
Six months ago. Mrs Yeadon agreed to put her sons on the Great Ormond Street "few foods" diet as part of a pilot study among young offenders in Shipley, West remarkable," she says. "Mat-thew is a totally different person. He reads, which he never did before. He does what he's told and is much calmer and quieter." Craig's bullying and violence also stopped when he was on the diet. He has since gone off it and has reoffended.

Superintendent Peter Bennett of West Yorkshire constabulary, who set up the project with the National Society for Research into Allergy and Dr Leonard McEwen, a private specialist in food intolerance, believes the results - six out of the nine hyperactive youngsters on the project have not re-offended in the last seven months - provide a useful pointer for dealing with behavioural problems in

young criminals.

Dr Eric Taylor, of the Institute of Psychiatry at London's Maudsley hospital, who participated in the Great Ormond Street research, cautions against putting too much value on treating behavioural problems with diet. There are still many unanswered questions and diet will only be one cause among many," he said.
The Great Ormond Street

rupted itself trying in vain to research and the Shipley crime prevention project are to be featured on BBC1's



Atlantic challenge: the modern square rigger Dar Miodziezy heads down the Solent yesterday bound for Cadiz for the start of the Columbus regatta next month. The 366ft Polish ship, which carries 2,936 square metres of sail from three 164ft masts, will lead a fleet of tall ships crossing from Spain to America and returning to Liverpool in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the

New World voyage.

## Clinton and Brown dip into trouble

FROM JAMIE DETIMER IN WASHINGTON

THE American presidential campaign headed into rough waters again as Bill Clinton, the Democratic front-runner, admitted on television he had experimented with marijuana while at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

He also said that he has set inhale, and I didn't try it as the Mr Clean of the up a team to trawl his own again." Mr Brown told Mr and Mr Clinton as the public and private records to Clinton to "lay off this stuff dal-a-day candidate".

but rain will reach southern counties during the morning and spread into Wales, the Midlands and East Anglia later in the day. Northern Ireland, northern England and southern Scotland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Bright spells with blustery showers in northern Scotland will push south into much of Scotland. All parts will feel cold. Outlook: cloudy, wet and windy.

identify and pre-empt any further revelations that may damage his candidacy.

Appearing jointly on CBS with Jerry Brown, his rival for the Democratic nomination. Mr Clinton said that while at Oxford between 1968 and 1970 he had used marijuana "a time or two, and I didn't like it". He added: "I didn't

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is not relevant." The two men had been asked if they had ever violated state, federal or

international law. Mr Brown found himself embroiled in allegations linking him with a firm that allegedly acted improperly in the Aids field, undermining his efforts to present himself as the Mr Clean of the race and Mr Clinton as the "scan-

## Worried **Tories** target floaters

Continued from page 1 focus this week on Britain's role in Europe and the world, an issue on which they believe Mr Kinnock will struggle to compete.

The gloomy survey published yesterday by Dun & Bradstreet International, the business information company, showed that business failures in Britain totalled 14.881 for the first three months of this year.

Although the figure was only slightly higher than the statistic for the last quarter of 1991, it showed a sharp increase on the first quarter of 1991, when 9,622 businesses failed. There were a record 47.777 failures last year, a third more than in 1990, and unless there is some sign of recovery soon, the record could fall again. The study also shows that the present weekly rate of failures, at 1,240, is much higher than the 800 a week recorded last

Philip Mellor, D&B's marketing manager said previous recessions showed that the rate of business failures tended to peak some time after the recession had reached a trough. The business failure figures, combin-ing bankruptcies and liquidations, confirm employment department jobless statistics which show that the South-East is still suffering more severely from the recession than the rest of the country. Gordon Brown, Labour's

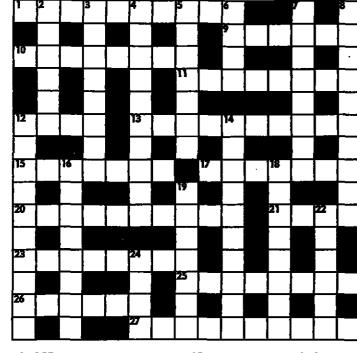
trade and industry spokesman, said the figures showed that business failures would now exceed 100,000 during the recession with more than one million lost jobs. "This makes this recession election a referundum on Conservative economic failure," he

said.
"With the new figures showing business failures rising faster now than even in 1991 and that half of company liquidations are in the South-East, the Labour party will this week step up its economic campaign demanding a new deal for small businesses, with John Major the 'unemployment prime minister' who has cost us a million jobs. The Conservatives are guilty of abandoning businesses to their fate."

Election 92, pages 7-11 Diary, page 14 and letters, page 15 Soaring failures, page 19 Life and Times, page 7

#### ments have been pruned with Yeltsin flounders, page 12 military precision. Bernard Levin, page 14 | QED next month.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,879



- 1 An opportunist with taking ways (5-5). 9 Each one houses a bird (6).
- 10 Queued, it might appear, for peace (8).
- 11 The odd blow may well go to the head (3-5). 12 A little dress, a ripping piece of
- material (4). 13 Such tradesmen get no rest - it's a mistake (10).
- 15 Joining a group of players on leave (7).
- 17 Pop in a pair the Spanish wear 20 Measured study (10).
- 21 Flyer with a taste for clothes (4).
- 23 Openly striking Tories (8).

中 PARKER ● DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,878 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

port (8). 26 Relations see the point in polite

society (6). 27 Characters quite unaffected by any reversal (10).

- 2 Disgust at having to return one article and use another (6). 3 Loathing for a particular form
- 4 The jester's criterion (10). A South-European international leader in bare accommodation
- 6 Growing concern (4).
- 7 Beasts responsible for the present transport system (8).
- 8 A man of great age note, and so vell-set-up (10).
- 12 Long partnership at the wicket and the fielder's angle (10). 14 Outline permission is put in order (10).
- 16 Everybody turned to Edward, as
- 18 Church member is first to come over bearing a seat (8).
- 19 A flier may be in a flat spin (7). 22 Boys beat it! (3-3). 24 Have to struggle for breath, so talk softly (4).

Concise Crossword, page 11 Life & Times section

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard ARTISTICS CARTELLINO

a. A trompe l'oeil scroil

b. An Italian aricatarist

c. A small cartoon

. An indigo pigment . A paintwell on a paict . Dutch portrait painter **EMPAQUETAGE** Making art out of parcels

MAQUETTE

a. A Belgian Surrealist

b. Sculptor's model

c. Paint applied with a knife Answers on page 16

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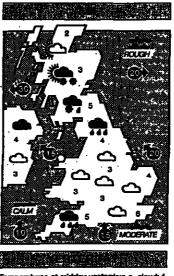
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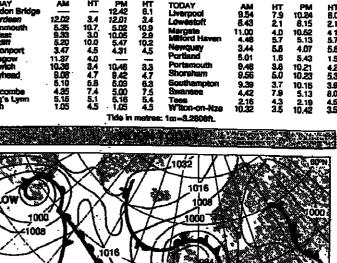
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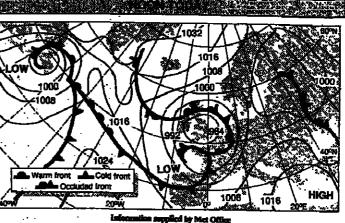
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## THE BUSINESS

**MONDAY MARCH 30 1992** 

plications were down in

February by 12.4 per cent on

The slump was even greater

in the new car loans sector,

which fell by 16.1 per cent, an

acceleration on January's

14.3 per cent rate of decline.

However, figures for retain

credit showed a 7 per cent

year-on-year increase in de-

mand, confirming a trend

☐ The Institute of Directors

has outlined a number of

concerns about Conservative

manifesto proposals for busi-

ness, although it is publicly

backing the government in the election. Peter Morgan,

the director general of the

IoD, said that none of the

parties were "even discuss-

ing" how to achieve lower

levels of interest rates. Lab-

our and Liberal Democrat

proposals to freeze and later

abolish the uniform business

rate are favoured over those of

the Conservatives. However.

overall, the IoD said that its

issessment of the three par-

ties' manifestos "lead us to the

conclusion that the Conserva-

tive party's proposals show a

better understanding of the

case for a market economy

The Institute of Economic

Affairs remains pessimistic

about the recovery because of

'major structural weakness-

in the economy, accor

The report urges restruc-

ing to a new report out today.

turing industry and the hous-ing market and withdrawing

from the European ex-

change-rate mechanism. In it, Walter Eltis, director gen-

eral of the National Econom-

ic Development Office,

highlighted "major weaknes-

ses" in the engineering indus-

try. Low profits in the sector

were cutting investment

under the levels needed to

compete in Europe, he wrote.

☐ Further evidence of a deen-

ening recession comes with

the latest figures showing

higher numbers of county

court judgments against busi-

nesses. Judgments in Eng-

land and Wales in the second

half of 1991 rose 35 per cent.

to 221,538, compared with

the second half of 1990.

County court judgments

against individuals reached a

high of 1.8 million in 1991.

☐ Small firms shed almost 1

million jobs, equivalent to 15

per cent of their workforce, in

the two years to 1991, accord-

ing to a Small Business

Research Trust survey.

established in December.

the same month in 1991.

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

#### MAN OF THE WEEK

RACING 31

#### Playing the part of a true captain

ot quite three months old and 1992 is already looking a good year for alumni of Sedbergh school. Will Carling, the England rugby captain, has his double grand slam, and Robert Napier chief executive of Redland, has Steetley.

Thanks to the intervention of the Office of Fair Trading, Mr Napier's £600 million success took rather longer than the victories strung together by Mr Carling and his team — a gruelling 107 days in fact. And song in a muddy team



Napier: challenge bath may not quite be Mr Napier's way of celebrat-ing, there is no doubt that the Redland team, in its own pin-striped fashion, is every bit as delighted as its sporting

counterparts. admitted, the manner of Redland's success last Thursday would have provided gripping enter tainment. With just 45 minutes to go and still 7 per cent short of the acceptances needed for victory, the tension was a considerable test of Mr Napier's calm, analytical style. But a brisk walk round the block later the financial equivalent of calling for Jonathan Webb — victory was assured. Project Merlin, as the bid was code-named.

nlike the England team, Redland's victory will not signal the departure of a number of familiar faces. Indeed, even holidays will be in short supply as the youthful team put together by the 44 yearold chief executive gets down to the challenge of delivering what it has promised. Sir Colin Corness, now non-exec-utive chairman, built Redland into what is. What it will become is Mr Napier's problem. It is a challenge he is

likely to relish, with the global recession largely responsible for Thursday's forecast fall in pretax profits to £185 million only adding to its intellectual appeal, one suspects. But it will not be tackled alone. The Steetley success has shown that Redland is a team effort these days, where individuals' views are listened to and, once agreed, acted upon. That team drew up the de-tailed bid. Now will the

MATTHEW BOND

#### CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7380 (+0.0373) German mark 2.8581 (-0.0038) Exchange index 90.2 (+0.4) Bank of England official close (4pm)

Merlin fly?

STOCK MARKET

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# UK business failures soar to 1,200 a week

By Ross Tieman and Jonathan Prynn

BUSINESS failures in Britain are running at 248 every working day. more than 50 per cent up on the level of a year ago, according to Dun & Bradstreet International, the business information company.

The group recorded 14,881 business collapses during the first quarter of 1992. That is 4.5 per cent higher than during the final quarter of last year, and com-pares with 9,622 for the first quarter of 1991. Last year was a record for business failures, with 47,777 liquidanons and bankruptcies, compared with 28,935 in 1990

and 18, 163 in 1989. The figure for this year may be even worse. The current weekly rate of failures, at 1,240, is sharply up on the level of 800 a week recorded during March last year. Philip Mellor, D&B's mar-

keting manager, said previ-ous recessions showed that the rate of business failures tended to peak some time after the recession had reached a trough. Trends within the figures appear to suggest that the recession has entered a mature phase. The weekly rate of liquidations slowed from 479 in the last quarter of 1991 to 467 in the first quarter of 1992. But the

rose from 708 to 773. Mr Mellor said the rise in bankruptcies was consistent with initial evidence from an incomplete D&B survey of managing directors which suggested that the problem of late payment had become worse during the first quarter

confirm evidence from employment department jobless statistics that the South-East continues to suffer more from the recession than the rest of the country. London and the South-East accounted for nearly 40 per cent of business failures and over 50 per cent of liquidations.

The biggest rise in business failures was in the South-East, excluding London. Here there were 3,523 business failures during the first quarter of 1992, an increase of 87.5 per cent on the same months of last year. The number of bankruptcies more than doubled, to 2,234, while liquidations, at 1.289, were up 53.1 per cent.

The increase in business failures was also particularly high in the South-West, where it rose by 58.9 per cent to 1,724, in the eastern region, where there was a 59.5 per cent increase, and in Wales, where there was a 74.3 per cent rise.

In the East Midlands, the West Midlands, and the North-East, the rise in the number of failures narrowly exceeded 50 per cent. Only in the North-West,

where failures rose by 41.6 per cent, and in Scotland, where the increase was 28.2 per cent, and in London, which saw a 45.4 per cent increase in business failures. Levels of credit for long-term financial commitments such as car and house purchases remain depressed in the run-up to the election, although demand for credit for smaller consumer items is on the rise. Figures from Infolink, a financial data f 1992. company, show that non-The business failure figures building society mortgage ap-

**BUSINESS FAILURES** 50,000 45,000 - 14,000 13,000 40,000 -11,000 35,000 The Version 30,000 25,000 20,000 15,000 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90" 91" 1980 81 82

By Debra Isaac

DESPITE Labour's pledges said: "We've heard

## Brent to confirm £1.6bn funding

BY MATTHEW BOND

BRENT Walker, the leisure company, is expected to confirm today that it has finally completed its £1.6 billion refinancing agreement. The final agreement comes

about 16 months after the company, then guided by George Walker, its founder. first entered into talks with its banks. Even after Mr Walker was removed as chief executive last year, the refinancing took Lord Kindersley, Brent Walker's chairman, another ten months to conclude. The

to invest in "showcases for

fashion and design", key

British fashion designers are

predicting an exodus of their

clients if there is a high-tax-

Zandra Rhodes, whose ex-

otic evening gowns sell for more than £2,000, said: "The

whole of the industry would

he ruined in this country if

Labour wins. Times are really

hard now, but under Labour,

ing Labour government.

agreement comes only one day before the approvals given by bondholders and shareholders at December's extraordinary meetings run out. Under the agreement, the banks are swapping £250

million of debt into equity

with the balance converted into a term debt maturing at the end of 1997. The original proposals had conditions that had to be met before the 47 banks that lent money to Brent Walker and the 30 banks that backed the

mumblings from our custom-

ers, very rich, very high-pro-

file people, that they're going

to leave the country if Labour

wins and I think it will be

designers of luxury products

will feel the pinch. He said:

"People who earn their mon-

ey, people who have mort-

gages and school fees to pay,

the people who can only just

Mr Starzewski believes any

very difficult."

Chic are cheerless about Labour win

ring-fenced William Hill acquisition would approve the agreement. All bar one of the pre-conditions have been met, although the banks have agreed the outstanding matter can be set on one side to enable the refinancing to proceed. This is the settlement of Brent Walker's dispute with Grand Metropolitan over the acquisition of William Hill and Mecca Racing. Grand-Met sold the companies to Brent Walker for £685 mil-

Sample .

## Property slump hits leading firms



In the hot seat: Gerald Ronson will this week ask for time to repay Heron's debts

#### Ronson to face bankers

testing week as he prepares a presentation for his bankers on Heron International, his debt-stricken property and

motor group. On Friday morning, he will meet bankers and ask for up to two years to repay the group's £1.2 billion of debt. The presentation is expected to include a forecast of a heavy loss for the group in the financial year ending tomorrow, compared with a profit of £2 million in 1991. The results may be accompanied

by large asset writedowns. Mr Ronson and other Heron directors have already met

GERALD Ronson faces a and spoken to many of the group's bankers to warn them of the problems, but they have not released de-

> The group is expected to ask for the maturities on a proportion of each of its ten Swiss franc and eurobonds issues to be extended by up to two years, and for similar extensions on its term loans. Unless the banks agree to the proposals, Heron may be unable to repay debts on time

Heron's property, petrol re-tailing and motor businesses have been hard hit by the recession and the group was

tailed figures.

was sentenced to 12 months in prison in September 1990, just as the economy was slowing down. He was released in February last year after serving six months.

Last month, Mr Ronson appointed Price Waterhouse Overy, the solcitors.

to assess the group's finances. Heron is also being helped in the debt reconstruction by UBS Phillips & Drew, the investment bank, and Allen &

However, since he controls all of Heron. Mr Ronson is expected to take a leading role in the events and in the meeting.

## O&Y seeks informal talks

OLYMPIA & York, the Canadian property group, has called off the meeting in London planned for today some of its British and Euro-

pean banks.
The decision follows a presentation to 20 banks, including some European banks, at O&Y's headquarters in Toronto on Friday, less than a week after the group first admitted it was facing a "liquidity crisis" and was in talks with its banks over debts now estimated at C\$20 billion (£10 billion). Instead of repeating the meeting in London, Michael Dennis, the O&Y executive in charge of the Canary Wharf project in London Docklands, has returned to London to talk to banks on an informal basis.

Bardays Bank is believed to have the biggest British expo-sure to O&Y. Last week, the bank became the manager of a £52 million short-term facility that is enabling work on O&Y's Canary Wharf project to proceed.

Tom Johnson and Robert Miller, the cutside executives brought in by O&Y to head its negotiations with the banks, were also expected in London last week. Their trip has been postponed to give them more time to prepare the interim refinancing plan that O&Y has promised will be ready for its next meeting with bankers on April 6. O&Y has asked that be rolled over.

Reports that O&Y's debt

problems threaten the second phase of Canary Wharf appear exaggerated as, even before the debt problem emerged, O&Y had made it clear there were no immediate plans for further building. Phase one is almost complete.

Letting the remaining office space at Canary Wharf remains the group's top prior-ity. While the quality of the finished buildings at the development continues to win praise, the London office market is still extremely competitive with supply outstripping demand and rents

Leading article, page 15

#### Lonrho to calm US investors

LONRHO, the international trading group, is confident that it can reassure American shareholders after the sale last week of a one-third interest in the group's Metropole hotel chain to the Libyan Arab Investment Company

In particular, the company plans to talk early this week to Fidelity Management and Research, the American fund manager that is now its second largest shareholder. Lonrho believes the fact that it will retain full control of the Metropole chain will reassure the Americans.

The deal has also added to the pressure on UBS Phillips & Drew, Lonrho stockbroker, but Paul Spicer, Lonrho's deputy chairman, had no comment to make on reports that P&D was likely to resign.

start to spend." Another en-

couraging sign for Britain's

haute couture industry is the

number of top continental

designers, including Gianni Versace and Christian

Lacroix, opening shops in

London this spring.
But Liliana Abboud, who

owns the Valentino shops

in Bond Street and Sioane

Street, and who today opens

a new Kari Largerfeld shop

in Bond Street, probably

sums up the prevailing

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## Volkswagen to cut **12,500** workers despite profit rise

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's a new high of DM1.11 bil-biggest car maker, plans to lion (DM1.09 billion). cut 12,500 jobs by 1996 and has recommended Ferdinand Piech, the Audi chief. to succeed Carl Hahn as management board chairman

Dieter Ullsperger, the finance chief, also announced slightly improved 1991 group results and an unchanged dividend of DM11 per ordinary share and DM 12 per preference share. Net profit rose 1.8 per cent to

Herr Ullsperger said VW planned to cut 12,500 of its 130,000 domestic jobs by 1996, denying a report in Manager Magazin, the German monthly magazine, that

the company would slash its workforce by 25,000 over that period. The cuts would be carried out by attrition. He said the domestic workforce had already been trimmed by 3.000 in 1991.

VW later announced that

## Last pleas made in Wilkes tussle

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

THE £28 million all paper takeover bid by Petrocon for James Wilkes, the engineering concern, closes at Ipm today with both sides making last-ditch pleas for backing.

The bid has been one of the City's dirtiest for years, with accusations about management and personal styles flying in both directions. During the battle, Stephen Hinchliffe, the chairman of the bid target, resigned. He

was replaced by Arthur Watt. The Takeover Panel criticised three leading corporate finance advisers concerning events in January leading up the formal announcement of a bid on February 3. Ownership of Beauchief Hall, a listed property set in parkland outside Sheffield, and used as Wilkes's headquarters, was criticised by Petrocon. The

property has now been sold.

The bidder also criticised a payment of £533,000 made to Mr Hinchliffe, Wilkes' former chairman, when he quit

In February, Mr Watt, said members of Petrocon's management team, including Colin Robinson, the chairman, were the subject of legal action alleging that they acted in breach of their fiduciary duties as company directors. Petrocon's bid terms are 13-for-three. The result of the battle is expected later today.

the executive committee of its supervisory board had agreed to recommend that Herr Piech, a member of the Porche supervisory board and the grandson of Ferdinand Porsche, who developed the VW Beetle and founded Porsche, the sports car maker, should succeed Herr Hahn from January 1, 1993. Herr Hahn's contract was due to expire at the end of

Herr Ullsperger said the company would also recommend to an April supervisory board meeting that Daniel Goeudevert, head of the company's VW marque, be appointed deputy management oard chairman.

1993. Herr Piech has headed

VW's profitable Audi unit

Group sales also reached a new record, rising 12.1 per cent to DM76.3 billion from DM68.06 billion a year earlier. However, parent net profit plunged by a third to DM447 million from DM670 mil lion, dragged down by high spending on new models. Ex-tra depreciation linked to VW's location in the former border area between east and west Germany and tax writeoffs in eastern Germany had also trimmed more than DM 1 billion from the compa-

Ullsperger said. The 1991 results were in line with the last outlook issued by VW in February which said group net profit would be flat, while parent net profit would decline.

ny's 1991 earmings, Herr



## College to expand abroad

lege plans to widen its international presence in the thriving master of business administration (MBA) qualification sector by expanding joint collegiate ventures abroad (Derek Harris writes).

The college has 16 ventures, including a stake in the International Management Institute in St Petersburg, Russia. An agreement has been finalised with Zagreb Business School in Croatia. Henley is also opening a branch of the college in Hong Kong this year.

Professor Ray Wild, principal, said: "In business management, the race is on to internationalise. By the end of this year, we aim to have at least 20 ventures in place and there should be more after that." The aim is to have a full

international network in place within three years. Henley currently has more than 6,000 MBA students, representing 15 per cent of its activities. It is the first college to establish a business administration senior tier by creating a doctor of business

administration (DBA) quali-

fication. There are signs that

other British business schools

will follow the initiative.

**BUSINESS ROUNDUP** 

#### **Security Pacific sells** Asian broking arm

SECURITY Pacific, the California-based bank that sold Hoare Govert, the London stockbroking firm, last month, has announced the disposal of Hoare Govett Asia, its Asian broking operations. A majority share in Hoare Govett Asia is to be sold to its management and employees with a 49 per cent stake being taken by Guoco Group, the holding company for the Dao Heng Bank in Hong Kong. Hoare Govett Asia has eight sales and research offices in Asia and sales operations in London, New York and Sydney.

The sale agreement forms part of Security Pacific's strategy of concentrating on its core banking activities in the western part of America and in the Pacific rim. Tony Lowrie. chief operating officer of Hoare Govett Asia, said: "The Guoco relationship means that we are able to relaunch Hoare Govett Asia as an independent regional stockbroker with a strong financial partner."

#### Olivetti expects loss

OLIVETTI, the Italian computer maker which is due to report a loss for 1991, expects to break even in 1992 and move into profit next year, analysts who attended a company presentation said. They said Carlo De Benedetti, the chairman, expected turnover in 1992 to increase about 2 to 3 per cent from last year and further in 1993. In 1991. Oliveth had a turnover of L8,600 billion, (£4 billion) down from L9,040 billion a year earlier. The analysts said the chairman expected the company to report a 1991 consolidated net loss of L290 billion, compared with a profit

#### Israel given IMF loan

ISRAEL has received a \$250 million loan from the International Monetary Fund to compensate for the country's foreign currency losses during the Gulf war. The IMF approved the five-year loan on the basis of a report drawn up by a mission that visited Israel last year, the Bank of Israel said. The low-interest loan comes with a two-year grace period. Israel had sought compensation from the IMF for foreign currency losses due to an increase in oil prices and a fall in tourism revenue during the tension in the Gulf from August 1990 to March last year.

#### Ballot on bank action

MORE than 17,000 staff at the Royal Bank of Scotland are to be balloted on industrial action short of a strike by Bifu, the banking union, after the company refused to take two pay disputes to arbitration. The union said that clerical staff had been offered increases of between 2.5 and 3.5 per cent. Managers had been asked to change to a system of discretionary, performance-related rises. The union is seeking an 8 per cent rise across the board.

SMALLER COMPANIES

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## Hard times likely to knock Pearson profits

LORD Blakenham, the chairman of Pearson, the publishing, financial and industrial group, will today report a hefty decline in profits, reflecting the difficult trading conditions in pub-lishing and entertainment.

The group, which owns the Financial Times and Madame Tussaud's, is expected to see its final pre-tax profits fall to £165 million, against £226.3 million last time, according to UBS Phillips & Market forecasts range from £163 million to £170 million. P&D expects net debt to be reduced from £400 million to about £190 million, with interest pay-ments cut by the proceeds from the £314 million disposal of the 22.2 per cent stake in

Elsevier, the Dutch publisher. Lucas Industries, the aerospace and motor components group headed by Sir Anthony Gill, is expected to show, at costs will affect the group.

best, a small first-half profit and, at worst, to slide into the red. A combination of weakness in European automotive markets, declining military expenditure in the aerospace sector, poor demand for spares and high restructuring Sandy Morris, at County NatWest, expects the company to break even compared with pre-tax profits of

diluted earnings per share are forecast to fall to 0.7p (5.8p). However, analysts expect a maintained interim dividend of 2.1p, covered by an expect-

ed inflow of £90 million from the pension fund, although all eyes will be on the group's cash flow. The recession, restructur-

ing and refinancing will com-bine to take their toll at Hickson International, the chemicals group. Philip Morrish, at Smith New Court, has pencilled decline in final pre-tax profits to E21 million, against E26.7 million last time. A higher tax charge is expected to push earnings per share to 10.9p (15.9p), although the dividend should be maintained

Incheape, the international services and marketing group, predicted full-year profits of at least £180 million (£174 million) at the time of last December's £376 million rights issue to finance the acquisition of Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn. Market forecasts range from £180 million to £182 million.

Interims: EFM Income Trust, International Investment Trust Company of Jersey, Lucas In-dustries. Finals: Alexon Group, Avonmore Foods, Boxmore Inter-national, Capital and Regional Properties. Computer People Group. Edinburgh Fund Man-



Profit or loss? Sir Anthony Gill of Lucas Industries

agers, Hickson International, Inchcape, InishTech, MB-Cara-don, Pearson, Rutland Trust, Wil-son (Connolly) Holdings.

Economic statistics: Engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (January); Sritish banking groups' quarterly analysis of lending (December-February); London sterling certificates of deposit (February); monetary statistics (February); bill turnover statistics (February); sterling commerical paper (February).

## TOMORROW

The effects of the recession

are expected to knock Croda International, the chemicals group. Smith New Court forecasts a decline in annual pre-tax profits to £21 million (£33.7 million). Forecasts range from £20 million to £22.5 million. A higher tax charge is likely to push earn(17.5p). A dividend of 7.37p (11p) is predicted.

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#### WEDNESDAY

Harrisons & Crosfield, the chemicals, building supplies and plantations group, is expected to see its final pretax profits slide 30 per cent to E74 million, according to County NatWest. Market forecasts range from £67 mil-lion to £75 million, although the big question is whether the dividend will be cut. County predicts a dividend of 6.3p (9p).

Finels: Ash & Lacy, Harrisons & Crosfield, Hogg Group, House of Lerose, Lec Refrigeration, North British Canadian Investment Company, Radamec Group, Senior Engineering, Sherwood Computer Services.

Economic statistics: Advance energy statistics: (February).

Sun Alliance will conclude the composite insurers' re-porting season. UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in heavier losses of £450 million, against last time's deficit of £181 million. Market forecasts range from losses of £420 million to losses of £270

Scholl, the supplier of foot and personal healthcare products, is likely to report final pre-tax profits of £16.2 million (£14.2 million), according to Goldman Sachs.

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Telemetrix, Tisbury Douglas,
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Economic statistics: UK official
reserves (March).

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Economic statistics: House
renovations (fourth quarter);
housing starts and completions
(February).

PHILIP PANGALOS

good profits and margins un-til 1988, when Robert Maxwell successfully bid £134 million. Since then many parts of the business have been sold. What was retained was affected by the imposition of high rents, management charges, the removal of management incentives and a high level of capital spend-ing. The curtailment of rental

Addison sweeps to pole position

antees that the market research companies achieve a high profile. So it is highly appropriate that the present political campaign should serve as a backdrop to the formation of the largest British-based market research company through the merger of Taylor Nelson and AGB Research.

The Addison Consultancy Group, the quoted parent of AGB, part of the collapsed Maxwell empire for £14.75 million. The move takes Ad-dison from fifth position in Britain to pole position, with annual turnover of about £60

The acquisition is being funded through an E18 million rights issue, underwritten by Robert Fleming, which closes next Monday. New shares are being offered at 12p each on a nine-for-four

Addison is acquiring the AGB business, but not the companies. It will not be required to take on expensive leases or unnecessary assets. The deal includes AGB's contimuous research panels for sectors including food and packaged goods, the operation that provides the tele-vision industry with ratings information and the ad hoc market research business.

The business produced

interest charges and implementation of a cost reduction programme are expected to allow AGB to return to profit within its first full year as part of the enlarged group. Analysts envisage earnings of between £2 million and £2.5 million from AGB in 1993. Addison has had its own

complications over the past three years. It was conceived as a broadly-based media formed well in the early- and mid-Eighties. But it suffered serious setbacks in 1989. The need to rationalise prompted the sale of Addison Design. an event which divided the board and led to the departure of the chief executive and the resignation of many of the group's advisers.

he management of Taylor Nelson, the group's market re-search arm, found itself in the hot seat, with Tony Cowling becoming chief executive and Liz Nelson appointed chair-man. Since the second half of 1989 disposals and demergers have left a company that is wholly focused on market research and which boasts an ungeared balance sheet. After the acquisition and rights issue, Addison will have £7 million in cash to fund AGB's working capital requirements and developments.

MAI, the financial services, marketing and television group, will not subscribe for its rights in respect of its near-25 per cent holding in Addison and is expected to sell its fully diluted 7 per cent stake after the AGB acquisition. MAI's departure will be welcomed by the Addison board.

MARTIN BARROW

## **NOTICE** OF VARIATION INTEREST RATE

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### GITEDGED Bears sighted in the bond market

whispering campaign has be gun. Seasoned gilt men are quiet by suggesting a bear market for gilts has started. This is not a political judgment. The same conclusion holds who ever wins the election. Neither is it the ever with the electron. Neither is it the consensus expectation. Consensus forecasts from the beginning of March, when ten-year gilt yields were 9.3 per cent, predicted an 8.9 per cent yield 12 months ahead. It will be interesting to see if this expectation changes when the post-Budget forecasts are published.

The Budget shock to the market came from the medium-term projections for from the medium-term projections for the PSBR. These were cumulatively about £15 billion higher than the pre-vailing consensus, leading to a swift re-appraisal of the acceptable trading range for yields. Indeed, they signalled to the market that the PSBR is more

volatile than had been assumed, adding to uncertainty about its future size. This greater sensitivity to the economy is not simply a reflection of the deeper than expected recession; it is the nature of this recession that has caught people out. Put simply, it is the deflation exerted by the private sector running for cover that has reduced the tax base and cover that has reduced the tax base and upset the economic modellers. Growth forecasts that depended on changes to interest rates, the exchange rate, government spending or taxation — the usual government policy levers — were not designed to reflect how people may react to high debt levels. Equally, if confidence were to return swiftly the tax fidence were to return swiftly, the tax base would soon respond and expectations for the budget deficit would be more reassuring. The market, however,

needs some convincing the structural

and cyclical budget deficits have risen. Only half the increase in public spend-ing for the fiscal year ahead can be attri-

buted to the recession. The rest represents a deliberate shift in public spending, increasing the structural deficit.

Higher deficits due to lower taxation have proved more acceptable to the market than ones born of structural which is a companyed to conding and shifts in government spending and there is an understandable fear of more to come. Credibility could be restored by swift entry to the narrow ERM band and no doubt Treasury policy makers will be keen to proffer this advice. There

'Allowing for taxation and likely inflation rates, interest rates should be high enough to support sterling

seems little need to panic about the interest rate consequences. Allowing for taxation and likely inflation rates, interest rates should be high enough to support sterling, especially if the inflation uncertainty premium is reduced by an unanticipated entry to the narrow bands. They may not be high enough, however, to finance a high and volatile budget deficit, particularly if marginal tax rates rise. The essential point is that interest rates are now determined more by the size and direction of the budget deficit than by sterling fluctuations. A new administration may

be faced with the reality that the only

route to lower interest rates was through lower public spending. Higher taxation is not the easy option it once was. If sterling falters it will be because fiscal policy is judged too slack, not that interest rates are too low.

Neither the lack of consumer confidence nor the budget deficit problem is unique to Britain. Lower growth projec-tions are leading to rising deficit expec-tations in Europe, which are set to conflict with the terms set for monetary convergence. Thus, disenchantment with the Maastricht summit commitments is emerging across the EC. The deflationary effects of a German attempt to lower average European inflation rates to below 2 per cent risk dampening economic growth into 1993.

The consequent deterioration in the European budget position will not assist the lowering of short rates, despite the favourable inflation picture. Competing foreign demands for British savings would eventually restrict the enthusiasm of any incoming government to spend as long gilt yields, and hence the cost of capital in the

Before the election it is difficult to gauge the potential upside for long bond yields over the first two years of the new parliamentary term. Speculating on the yield floor is less hazardous. It seems increasingly likely that the Bank of England's supplies at end-February of Treasury 9 per cent 2012 stock on a yield basis of just over 9 per cent were, for it at least, the sale of the year.

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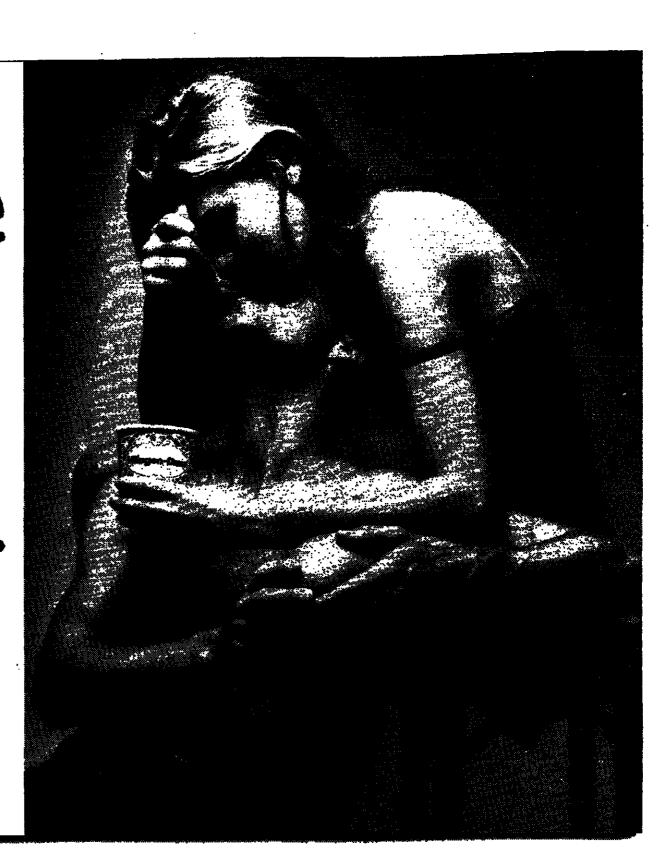
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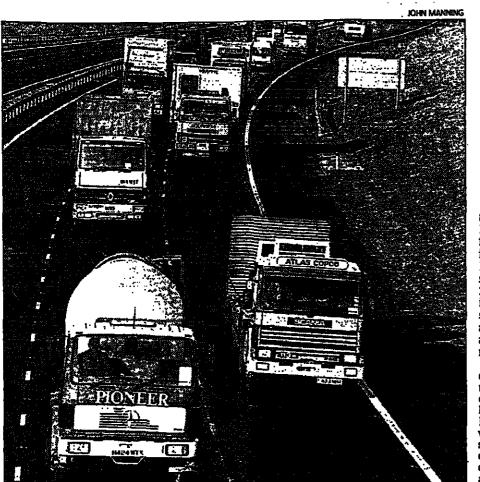
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On the way: the UK spends £37 billion a year on haulage, and Europe now beckons

## Challenge and change as trade barriers fall

Depression and the single market may mean fewer ecession in much of the world, combined companies. Derek Harris reports on a shifting market

with radical change the approach of the single European market, is reshuffling the pack in the essential industry of distribution. In Britain, about £37 billion are spent annually on moving 2.12 billion tons of freight, including basic commodities such as coal and one by rail and sea, and food, clothing and other consumer goods by

road and air. Most national markets are depressed, and smaller operators especially are being driven out of business. The damage has not stopped there. Federal Express in the United States, a world leader, has been so savaged by losses in express deliveries that it has pulled out of the inter-European market, although its drive on international services, including those to Europe, continues.

In France there has been a

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Germany, until now one of wave of distribution business failures as costs have risen and freight rates have fallen. Domestic distributors are nervous because they fear being overrun now that deregulation is opening up France to opera-

Community countries. The latest frisson came when United Parcels Service (UPS), of the US, acquired Prost, a leading French parcels and freight distributor. This deal makes UPS one of the largest parcels distributors in France and is part of its twoprong strategy in Europe of setting up domestic delivery operations, as well as offering mostly air-based international deliveries. The most recent acquisition by UPS is Beemsterboer in The

tors from other European

the most regulated of the European markets, is slowly but painfully moving towards a less protected regime, offering fresh opportunities to competitors, including British

The British P&O group has been driving into Europe, especially through its Ferrymasters road transport operation and has penetrated the German market strongly by buying the Rhenamia distribution group in Mannheim.

A "substantial fall-out" of

larger companies as the single market intensifies competition for large contracts is predicted by David Howes, the managing director of Edinburghbased Christian Salvesen Distribution Salvesen has Europe-wide as well as north

American operations, and is especially noted for chilled food distribution.

Mr Howes points out that that is what happened in the US when inter-state controls were relaxed. He adds: "Manufacturers rationalised production into giant centres in order to increase economies of scale and to improve the logistical control of supply. I can see the same thing happening in Europe as trade and geographical barriers contin-ue to be eradicated."

Some people in distribution will fear for their future as these changes sweep in, but there will also be winners. Equal conditions for everybody will not be created too quickly. There is no common ground yet on vehicle excise or fuel taxes to benefit transport and distribution companies within the EC.

A new Europe-wide survey by the Touche Ross consultancy for the Institute of Logistics and Distribution Manage-ment (ILDM) shows how expertise has improved.
In 1983 distribution costs

were commonly reported as being between 12 and 15 per cent of sales. By 1991 companies were reporting the figure was 4 to 7 per cent.

The survey says Europe's most efficient country in trans-port and distribution, including warehousing, is The Netherlands, where such costs are put at 4.62 per cent of sales. The Netherlands has the advantage of being a small, densely populated country with a distribution industry that already carries a good deal of non-Dutch trade.

French costs are the highest at 7.22 per cent, so the domestic distributors may be right to have a bout of nerves.

he UK cost relative to turnover is 5.18 per cent of sales and the report points to relatively high warehousing costs as an important factor behind what it describes as a "middling" performance. However, the UK industry's main hurdle is seen as geographical as it sits on the edge of the European market.

The survey adds: "Most important of all perhaps is the lack in the UK of an integrated transport system, taking in especially road and rail. Our competitors are way ahead of us in this area and in the longer term it may be that it is this structural weakness which will put us at a permanent cost

Professor Michael Browne,

who holds Britain's first chair in distribution, does not entirely go along with these

Professor Browne holds the recently established BRS professorship in transport at the Polytechnic of Central London. BRS is a subsidiary of NFC, Britain's biggest freight and logistics company. Soon the BRS chair is likely to become part of the University of Westminster.

rofessor Browne says: "Dutch trade is being well served by the logistics industry but the UK industry should not be underestimated. This is especially in terms of its ability to manage complicated transport and warehousing contracts."

He argues that the UK industry has learnt to satisfy some extremely demanding customers, including the big retailing chains and industries relying on a complexity of components. These customers are typically in vehicle manufacture but also in sectors such

as electronic goods.

He says: "Such customers demand a high quality of service and strike hard bargains on price."

Those in the UK market have long become accustomed to a deregulated trading environment and this will stand them in good stead as the distribution business becomes more Europeanised, Professor Browne says.

He sees other encouraging signs. Magna Park in Leicestershire is a high-cost development but with its vast warehousing capacity - more than three million sq ft so far and about another million to come - and leading-edge systems, it is flourishing, aided especially by its exceptional location in the middle of the

Freight villages around the country. linking with the Channel tunnel, would dy-namically bring together dif-ferent forms of transport, he points out. He expects journey times to be "attractive", thanks to the combined transport terns, offsetting the effects of

the UK's peripheral location. However, he too gives a warning that cost elements could still make life quite hard for UK distributors.

The Touche Ross survey underlines the opportunities ern economies now emerging as an economic force.

Logistics could be a potent tool there, according to Exel Logistics, part of Britain's NFC, which has helped with special studies to improve food distribution in countries of the

National distribution park planned

## Tunnel link for business centre

POWERGEN, the electricity generating company, and Trafalgar House Business Parks, a subsidiary of the construction and shipping conglomerate, are jointly de-veloping what they claim is Britain's first national distri-

The park, at Hams Hall at Coleshill, Warwickshire, will cover 440 acres and provide

up to seven million sq ft of warehousing. The scheme is likely to cost £350 million. during the next ten years, and when complete it will provide jobs for up to 4,000 people. The scheme includes people. the Midlands Channel tunnel Railfreight termi-nal, which will be capable of handling more than a

million tons of freight a year. The terminal will serve the east

and west Midlands and would be part of a network of similar facilities proposed by British Rail to capitalise on the arrival of the single market and the opening of the Channel tunnel in 1993. Railfreight expects to open the terminal towards the end of 1994.

The site is owned by PowerGen and the power station there is due to close down in November this year. Trafalgar House was chosen to be the partner from 20 local, national and internafuture occupiers of the site will be offered the opportunity to sidings serving their premises

The site will be developed in four phases and potential occupiers will be able to secure large parcels of land for warehousing and manufacturing operations. Hams Hall has support in principle from

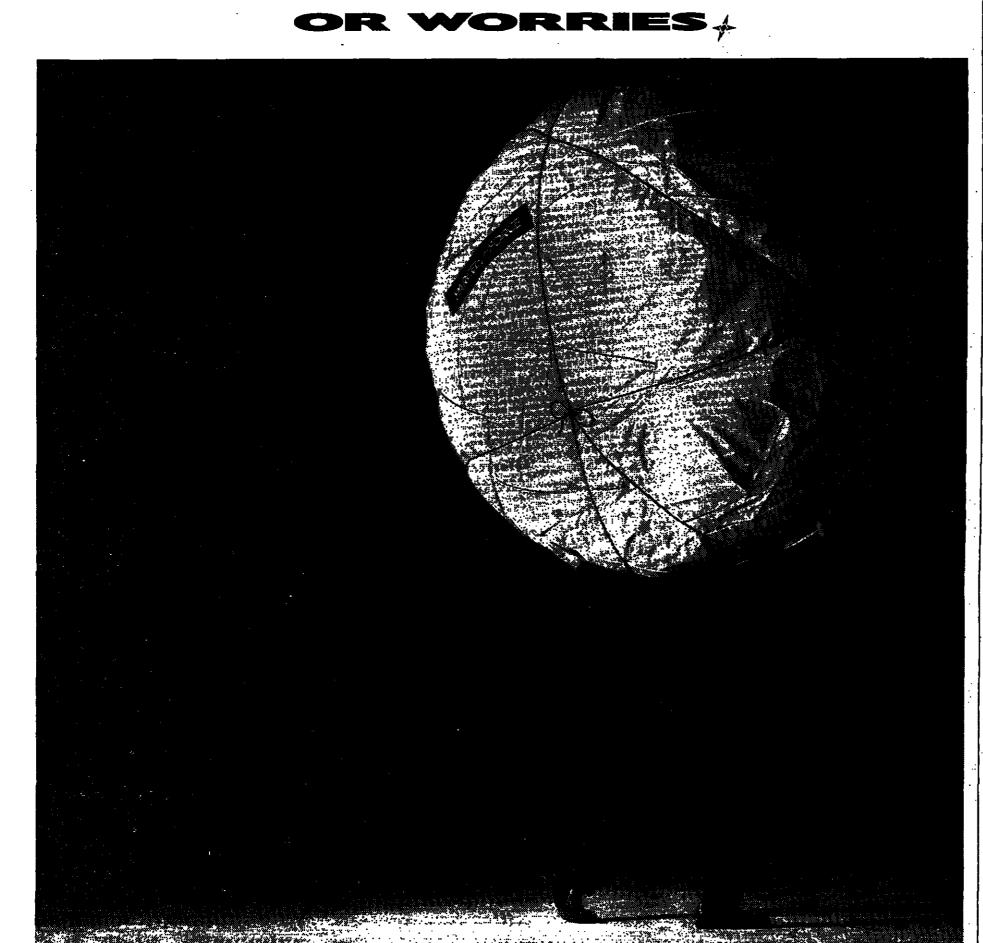
North Warwickshire borough council and Warwickshire county council. The site is nine miles northeast of Birmingham city centre, a mile from junction 9 of the M42 and five miles from junction 4 of the M6. It is also close to the proposed Birmingham northern relief road, which is

**Ed Wallis: Euro** market in mind

Britain's first privately run toll motorway. Ed Wallis, the chief executive of PowerGen, which is based in Solihull, says: "This major, long-term investment in the Midlands will enable national and Midlands industry to take full advantage of the single European market."

Brian McCombie, the managing director of Trafalgar House Business Parks, adds: "We consider this to be one of the prime development opportunities of the 1990s.

"We believe it is the most significant Channel tunnel site in the UK." RODNEY HOBSON



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# Delivery package on offer

Rodney Hobson describes the

Parcelforce plan for service

he acquisition by Securicor-Omega of the UK operations of Federal Express has put extra pressure on Parcelforce, the market leader in Britain's highly competitive parcels service. The market has overcapac-

ity. It is very out-throat in terms of pricing," says Peter Howarth, Parcelforce's managing director. He is to spend £250 million during the next five years to stay in the

Parcelforce was set up Royal Mail Parcels in 1986 when the Post Office was split into letters, parcels and counters divisions. Although it has a 30 per cent share of the parcels market, thanks partly to having 20,000 post offices as collecting centres. Parcelforce was renamed two years ago to take a step away from

the parent.
Mr Howarth says: "We have had to become more selfreliant in this difficult time. There will always be a case for using the Royal Mail in rural areas, where there is a legal obligation to provide a postal service to every address every weekday. However, to develop our business we want to establish end-to-end control."

Parcelforce picks up, transports and delivers 50 per cent of its business. In the next year, it wants to see 80 per cent of parcels all the way through. Greater control should speed up delivery. At present, the standard delivery service for non-urgent items can be five days but Mr Howarth wants even the basic delivery service to be two days. Guaranteed next-day delivery is by 10am, noon or close of business, and the express services are the

ones in increasing demand.
Parcelforce has 170 depots and is finding the growth area is in collecting and delivering door-to-door. It has begun a five-year plan, with more col-lection centres and greater use of information technology. The company's Cab-Com system is a combination of telephone and computer, allowing the control centre to send instructions to drivers. The driver can key in confirmation of every delivery, using the bar code on a parcel.

Vehicles can be diverted to pick up parcels. Mr Howarth says: The last thing a customer wants is to see a vehicle pass the end of his road when he has been told that you cannot get a lorry to him for a couple

of hours. The Cab-Com system has been fitted in 1,600 vehicles at a £2 million cost and priority is given to the 1,400 express delivery vehicles. A computer centre in Leeds has cost £5 million. Other investments in clude £1.3 million on an international hub at Heathrow airport, employing more than 50 staff. Together with the airport hub at Coventry, Parcelforce can deliver to more than 200 countries, and about 30 million parcels are sent out from the UK every year. Having an established network before the recession has helped Parcelforce to resist sures from newcomers.

Mr Howarth reacted to a Consumers' Association report by considering whether his operation could be improved. He claims the Datapost service, promising delivery by 10am next day, has 99.8 per cent success. Other guaranteed delivery time services are 99.6 per cent successful, he

Mr Howarth puts a heavy emphasis on training. To build up traffic, he has had to recruit staff and retrain those switching from the Royal Mail. Supervisors must gain City and Guilds management qualifications, and the spread of computers has necessitated



Part of the service: parcels pass through a BR station

information technology. The training of drivers is a priority as 2,500 vehicles are being added to the fleet of 8,500 in the next 12 months.

Parcelforce is trying to eliminate the criticism that parcels are left on doorsteps when the recipient is out. Mr Howarth "Customers are often happy if the parcel is left, provided it is not in the rain and does not advertise that the premises are empty. However, we are going to leave a card giving an option to redeliver at an acceptable time, take the parcel to the recipient's place of work or leave it with a trustworthy neighbour." The expansion of Parcelforce is not likely to involve a strong move into handling heavier goods, however. Mr Howarth says: "Normally we carry parcels up to 30kg. That is the market we see ourselves best able to manage. "We have an arrangement

with a carrier to take palletised deliveries and that way we can meet our customers' requirements. It represents about 10 per cent of our business and we do not want to turn it away.

"However, it is a useful addon to gain contracts, rather

## Chunnel gives railways a chance to win the freight

oad transport will probably continue to be the preferred transport for freight into the next century, but the opening of the Channel tunnel will give the railways a chance to fight

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) is among the organisations saying that any transport strategy must address the issue of a sensible division between alternative methods, capitalising on the advantages of each while maintaining competition.

The CBI says rail is effective at moving freight on long distances and moving bulk commodities over short distances, Rodney Hobson writes. The opening of the tunnel will allow rail to compete effectively with roads on long hauls. The CBI says: "It is vital to ensure good road access at either end, since door-to-door journey times are what count. Diversion of some freight from road to rail will help to relieve road congestion on inter-urban routes and yield environmental benefits."

Freight can also be won

from airlines with rapid citycentre links between London, Paris and Brussels. British Rail is to spend more

than £500 million at 1986

Rail can compete effectively with roads on long hauls, says the CBI



Diversion of freight to rail will relieve road congestion

prices on rolling stock and infrastructure. This will ensure that up to 35 freight trains a day, as well as passenger trains, can be operated when the tunnel opens next year.

in encouraging the private sector and local authorities to invest in freight facilities, it will need to demonstrate a clear commitment to provide competitive services and market The CBI says: "To succeed

such as wagons, sidings and loading equipment necessary to link up to the railway network, represents a longterm commitment for

The CBI says it is unrealistic to assume that more than a small proportion of freight will travel end to end entirely by rail. However, it will be possible to develop combined transport with rail, giving speedy links between regional

hubs throughout Europe. The tunnel will give the opportunity in Britain for rail routes to bypass London, but that will mean substantial investment. The Community of European Railways. Which groups the 12 European Community railways plus Switzerland and Austria, has put forward an ambitious proposal for a high-speed network which could be linked to Britain through the tunnel.

The Société Nationale des Chemins de fer Français, the French railway, believes goods traffic through the tunnel should reach 16.4 million tons a year. Unfortunately the required infrastructure in the ÛK may not be in place before the end of the century. The cost of converting the whole network would be prohibitive.

Chilled-food transport services are booming in the supermarket age

¬ougher European Community regulations and the growing market for prepared foods sold by supermarket chains have led to a boom in chilled-food distribution services.

Specialists in the field say that retailers are moving to shorter lead-times for smaller. more frequent deliveries, even for longer-life products.

Some distributors are using the gradual harmonisation of health rules and expertise gained in the UK to help British and American companies expand on the

A typical example of the growth of chilled-food distribution is provided by Marks & Spencer, which uses a BOC subsidiary, Transhield, to distribute 90 per cent of its fresh and chilled food products from regional centres to stores in the UK.

## Licence to chill

Transhield operates solely for M&S, with 1,800 employees and a dedicated fleet of 340 vehicles.

On the Continent, M&S uses Temperature Controlled Services, a subsidiary of Exel Logistics. In Spain, a warehousing and distribution contract with Marks & Spencer covers all products including temperature-controlled food for the Madrid store. Exel also operates a multitemperature warehousing and distribution contract for Marks & Spencer in France.

Exel, which has 32 million cubic feet of controlled temperature storing capacity in 24 depots thoughout the UK. operates a fleet of about 600 vehicles and employs 2,300

Success in Britain has led to a push into the Continent. Last year the company launched the Exel brand in France, Spain, Germany and the Netherlands as well as the United States

T xel has also won contracts with American companies distributing chilled foods on the Continent A German subsidiary, Restaurant Services, was launched in September and handles business for customers including Burger King and Pizza Hut. BOC Baker, a BOC subsidiary, specialises in distributing chilled foods to major retail chains. The company has five modern, strategically-placed

distribution centres and 150

new Polarstream hybrid refrigerated trailer to give it an

edge.

The vehicle has traditional mechanical refrigeration plus a liquid nitrogen system. Us-ing liquid nitrogen allows temperatures to be reduced quickly and give more accutemperature control. There is also less movement of air in the storage companment, an advantage in transporting products where freshness is affected by oxygen.

Lorry drivers can switch between the two systems or operate both at the same time. Peter Brinsden, managing director of BOC Distribution Services, says: "The Polar-stream system is silent and simple to operate, has virtually no moving parts and does not use CFCs."

RODNEY HOBSON

## Just made to measure

WITH the spread of business parks, companies are paying greater attention to setting up purpose-built distribution cenfrom seeking better infrastructure and availability of space, the main advantage of such premises is that they can be designed with higher bays or other means to facilitate stack-

ing, Rodney Hobson writes. An example is the Risley (near Manchester) operation of Securicor-Omega, the parcel delivery company. It provides 20,000 sq ft of storage space capable of taking 1,450 pallets, and has been designed for companies needing seasonal stockpiles such as for Christmas, Easter or the start of school terms. Warehousing services are fully computerised. Securicor-Omega also had its 10,000 sq ft facility at

Corby, Northamptonshire,

purpose-built to serve one of

Purpose-built warehousing

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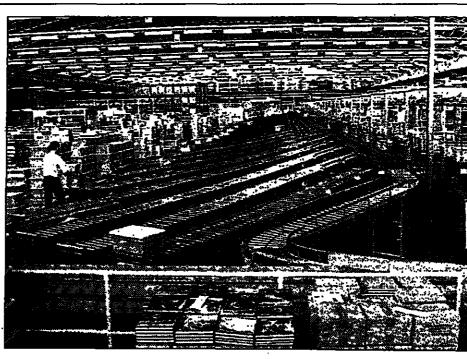
the world's largest electrical component manufacturers. Donald Murray (Paper) was able to make the most economic use of space at its Glasgow 72,000 sq ft distribution centre by building high eaves and narrow aisles. The centre distributes 200 tons of paper and board products daily among its 3,000 customers nationwide. Using narrow aisles allows 64 rows of racking, each nearly 45 yards long and 12 yards high. This provides 15,000 pallet posit-

ns, with a storage capacity of 12,500 tons. WH Smith, the retailer of

reading matter and stationery, has revolutionised its service to customers by building its Swindon warehouse to meet its needs. About 60 per cent of total sales by value and 90 per cent by volume are serviced by central warehousing.

WH Smith says that the advantage of a central channel of distribution, which it operates itself, is the control of the level of service that it provides. A central channel also makes life easier for WH Smith's the

company's suppliers.
Swindon has 280,000 sq ft of warehousing with up to 290 staff picking from 40,000 lines. During the busy period — from October to January — Swindon sends out 500,000 items a week. The typical WH Smith branch will carry 60,000 lines and Swindon is linked to the electronic point of sale, giving computerised control over delivery needs.



Brought to book: the 280,000 sq ft WH Smith warehouse at Swindon, where up to 290 staff pick from 40,000 lines, and are able to send out 500,000 items a week

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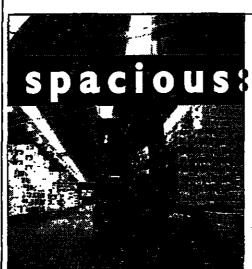
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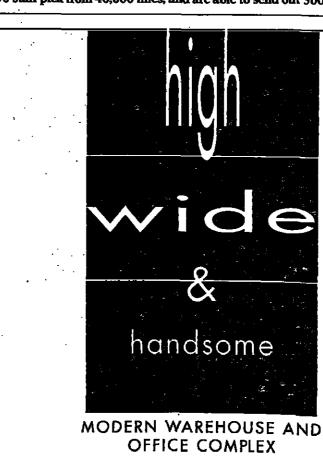
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BY A CORRESPONDENT

SWANSEA fashioned such a dear-cut victory over Pontypridd, the winners of their

previous seven league match-

es and one of a clutch of

challengers for the Heineken

League title, that realistically

only Lianelli, whom they meet on April 18, and third-placed

Bridgend, can now believe

they can prevent the prize going to St Helen's.

On this form, Swansea

have the beating of anyone, Kevin Hopkins, their cap-tain, said. That remark

speaks volumes for the confi-

dence which justifiably makes

Swansea favourites to suc-

ceed Neath as League

Two minutes from half-

time. a competent Ponty-pridd believed that they were in with a shout. At 12-9, a victory which would have taken them into second place

was within reach. It was then

that the giant awoke, and

before arryone appreciated

what was happening, Ponty-pridd were trampled out of

sight. They were not merely beaten, they were devastated by brilliantly-conceived and

Nobody played a more prominent role in the destruc-

tion than Mark Titley, the

will-o'-the-wisp on the wing who helped make three tries,

and Scott Gibbs, the creator

The St Helen's supporters

of two more.

speedily-executed rugby.

champions.

Swansea .....

## **Forsbrand** flawless as he keeps his title

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ANDERS Forsbrand, runner-up to Ronan Rafferty in Portugal last weekend, made a successful defence of the Volvo Open in Florence yesterday, when two rounds were played because of earlier delays caused by rain.

Forsbrand, who will be 31 on Wednesday, did not drop a stroke in rounds of 67 and 66 which gave him a fourround total of 271 and victory by a single stroke over Peter Senior, of Australia.

Forsbrand, who had just one bogey in his last 67 holes, gave much of the credit for his success to "all the hard work" he had put in over the last two years changing his swing with David Leadbetter.

"For a spell today I played as good as I can — and I think that's as good as anybody in the world," Forsbrand said, after receiving his cheque for

After helping Sweden win the Dunhill and World Cups last season, he has started this campaign with six top 12 finishes in eight starts and is now fourth in the European money list with £108,000.

He will not be in the US Masters starting line-up next week, but he will be at Augusta commentating for Swedish television. "Hopefully it won't be long before I'm there playing," Forsbrand said.

Rafferty beat Forsbrand by holing a 35ft birdie putt at the 18th last week and for most of the afternoon it looked as though the Swede might be denied again. After a hat-trick of birdies from the fifth had put him one in front,

Senior, replied in kind. But then the Australian, who was third in the Portuguese Open, dropped shots at the 7th, 12th, 14th and 16th.

When Forsbrand found the when forsbrand totals use green at the 504-yard final hole with a two-iron and three-wood, and two-putted for a birdie, Senior, playing three matches behind, knew he had to hidde the final he had to birdie the final three holes to tie. It proved just beyond him.

He made an eight-footer on the 16th, but missed from 30 feet on the next and then had to eagle the last. That was never on from the moment his drive hit a tree and the ten-footer he sank for birdie did not matter.

Surrey's Martin Gates also had a share of the lead with four to play. But he was angry not to be given relief from a ditch on the long 15th and ran up a double bogey seven. He then took six down the last but still finished third.

VOLVO EUROPEAN TOUR ORDER OF MERIT: 1, J.M Olazabai (Sp.), £130.985.83; 2, J. Rivero (Sp.), £124.320; 3, F. Raifesty (N Ire), £13.663.33; 4, A Forsbrand (Swe), £106.043.33; 5, S. Bailesteros (Sp.), £105.575; 6, F. Palmer (SA), £93.330; 7, V. Sogh (Fil), £73.155.50; 8, M McL.ean (Eng), £57.741.87; 9, B Ogle (Aus), £54.263.33; 10, P. Senior (Aus), £54.270.

#### Wales miss cup place

Hong Kong: Wales failed to qualify for the finals of the Dunhill Cup as they slumped to equal eleventh place in the qualifying tournament here yesterday. New Zealand scored a run-

away nine-shot victory with an aggregate of 559, nine under par, and the other seven qualifiers for the main event, at St Andrews in October, were Germany, Canada,

ond successive 79 and Mark Mouland and Phillip Price shooting 73 and 74 respectively, they missed the cut-off.

FINAL ROUND SCORES (best two count; 556; New Zealand (G Walle 70, 66, 71, 70; S Owen 78, 78, 75, 71; F Nobilo, 74, 68, 69, 71, 557; Germany (T Gredoon 73, 70, 68, 74; S Struever 73, 73, 68, 69; T Googele 73, 72, 74, 75, 568; Canada (R Gibson 77, 72, 73, 72; D Mijovic 75, 69, 74, 72; R Zokol 69, 70, 68, 72; tsaly (C Rocca 72, 72, 58, 70; G Call 71, 73, 69, 72; A Bineghi 77, 75, 70, 78), 570; South Africa (J Bland 77, 72, 76, 69; Helmer 70, 73, 75, 72; E Be 73, 68, 71, 74), 574 South Korea (Cha Thailand and France.

Wales started the final round seventh but, with Philip Parkin returning his sec-



Bobby dazzler: Graham Gooch autographs a policewoman's note-book at Gatwick airport after the England cricket team returned from Australia yesterday (Ivo Tennant writes). Gooch will be reappointed as the England captain in a fortnight's time.

"Obviously we want him to carry on against Pakistan this summer," Ted Dexter, the chairman of the selection committee, said. "He has established himself as a very important figure in our cricket." Greeted by his wife, three child-ren and parents, the weary Gooch said that he would "obviously" like

Javed could

miss tour

of England

to continue to play for England. He would not be drawn on whether he would be available to tour India next winter.

"Whether he will be game for that remains to be seen," Dexter said. "But, remember, he was in doubt for the tour of New Zealand and he made that. He didn't have the best winter with the bat but will be working hard to get back into form. "Graham is a strong man who

has inspired a very good spirit in the side. He is very direct and has no favourites. Whatever his alle-giances, if he thinks he has to drop

someone he will do so. We want to get our captain in place for the

summer as soon as possible."
Referring to the ruling over stoppages for rain, which affected England's World Cup semi-final with South Africa. Dexter said: "I don't know whether anyone has come up with a good solution. The regulations for the tournament were set in difficult circumstances, with South Africa coming in a set a with South Africa coming in at a late stage. The Test and County Cricket Board approved of them with difficulty. We did seek

tween England and the volatile Pakistanis should not become strained during the summer. "Our umpires are more than capable of handling affairs and having a match referee is an excellent wasn't a great deal to complain about in the World Cup. Our team behaved in an exemplary way."

that Pakistan were "a very dan-

gerous side with four or five world-class players". He will have only a short break before pre-season

training with Essex.

Dexter said that relations be-

## Looking to England's Test England A falter before new ball

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

ENGLAND A, 2-0 down in the series and needing quick Karachi: Javed Miandad, Pakistan's leading batsman, runs to have any chance to win, were held firmly in check by the new ball yesterday said yesterday that he might not take part in this summer's tour of England. "I will assess when the third unofficial Test my fitness and other aspects match continued here. before making a final deci-sion," he said after arriving Much depended on Mark Ramprakash, but he could home with the rest of the

victorious World Cup squad. Last night the players flew to Saudi Arabia to make a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Bombay: Sachin Tendulkar, the Indian Test batsman, has confirmed that he has been approached by Yorkshire about becoming their

"Some things have yet to be discussed. I have not yet made up my mind," he said yesterday (Reuter)

Ramprakash and Morris added 145 in 61 overs for the fifth wicket and redeemed an uncertain start on Saturday after England were put in. They came together half an hour before tea and Morris, in particular, played as fluently as he has done on the

Ramprakash, though, was never less than watchful as he manage only four further desperately sought the big runs in 75 minutes before he score both he and his team needed. England, resuming at 260 for four yesterday, needed to accelerate if they were to bowl West Indies A out twice but this proved implayed on against Walsh. Ramprakash batted six-anda-quarter hours and faced 252 balls for his 86, which Morris, his overnight partpossible as Benjamin, Gray ner, struggled on until shortly and Walsh revelled in the after lunch, when Gray disfastest pitch encountered on

Morris was dropped at slip By mid-afternoon England against Benjamin at the start and by the wicketkeeper

against Gray. Ramprakash had made a two and two singles before he blocked a full-length ball from Walsh and it rolled back into his stumps. Johnson had been dismissed the same way the previous day against Benjamin.

A heavy shower brought a 15-minute hold-up as soon as Rhodes got to the wicket and by lunch England had added 41 in 21 overs. After lunch, however, Rhodes was caught behind off a glove against a lifting ball. Morris was also held by Murray as he tried to pull another rising ball. Walsh followed by having Munton leg-before.

ENGLAND A: First Inning J P Stephenenn c Gray b Ben M R Rempratesh b Weish .... P Johnson b Benjamh .... I Huseain libw b Benjamh ... "H Monte c Murray b Gray ....

tralian-born player this century to compile 500 runs and capture 50 wickets in a first-class season on Sunday.

The New South Wales play-Waca Ground here.

have witnessed a host of fine tries this season, but few better than Tony Clement's blis-tering third, Simon Davies's clinically-executed second

Total (8 wicts) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-62, 3-135, 4-145, 5-290, 6-305, 7-306, 8-314. D E Matcoim to bat.

☐ Perth: Greg Matthews, the experienced all-rounder consistently overlooked by se-lectors, became the first Aus-

er reached the milestone when he bowled Brendan Julian on the second day of the Sheffield Shield final against Western Australia at the

and Robert Jones's thrilling 40-yarder, which proved the Wales scrum half's point that he is no slouch over the longer The purists will have noted, too, that the secret of Swansea's second-half blitz

dling, crisp and speedy, made Pontypridd look pedestrian, which they were not. SCORIERS: Swanser: Tries: Clar Stron Davies (2): Hopkins, Jones, i elons: Williams (3). Penalty goels: (3). Dropped goel: Williams. Pon Try: Bezani. Conversion: Jenkins. goels: Jenkins (2).

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ball do the work. Their han-

PONTYPRIDD: J Mason; D Hughes, J Lowis, R Steppeard, P Harries; N Jenkins, Paul John; N Bezzar, Phl John, P Knight, J Burnell, M Dicks, M Rowley, D Earland, D McIntoeh. Referee: L Peard (Castleton).

#### **ATHLETICS**

PARIS MARATHON: Men: L Sources (Fr), 2hr 10min 02sec, Women: T Titova (CS), 2:31:12.

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Melbourne 113 (17-11), Geelong 105 (15-15); Pootscray 108 (16-12); Silder 78 (9-22); Fitzroy 150 (22-18), Essendon 98 (15-8); Sydney 98 (14-14), West Coast 95 (14-11); North Melbourne 131 (19-17), Richmend 85 (9-11); Carlton 115 (17-13), Hawthorn 89 (12-17); Collingwood 154 (23-15), Brisbane 88 (13-10).

SPEEDWAY

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE MATCH: Peterborough 49, Rospiggama

**RUGBY LEAGUE** YOUNGERS ALLJANCE: Challenge Cup: Final: Wigan 38, Wiches 14. First division: Bradford 25, Feetherstone 22; Hull KR 4, Hull 22; Leeds 50, St Helens 13; Waterfield 25, Castleford 20, Second division: Barrow 42, Searberough 15; Battey 32, Huddersfield 5; Chorley 2, Dewabury 34; Swinton 22, Keighley 26.

WINFIELD CUP: Second round: Bre-bane 24, Gold Coast 16; Canterbury 20, Balmain 18; Blawarra 12, Cronulla 4; Maniy 28, Canberra 16; Penrith 2, Newcastle 12; St George 43, Parrametta 14; Souths 8, Norths 22; Westa 4, Easts 18.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston Certics 106, Detroit Pistons 87: Cleveland Cavallers 121, Cheriotte Homets 115; Golden State Warriors 126, Inclaim Pacces 117; Mismi Heat 118, San Antonio Spurs 101; Atlanta Hawks 105, Minnesote Timberwolves 103; Phoentx Suns 117, Philadelphia 78ers 113; Los Angeles Lakers 103, Utah Jazz 92; Sestite SuperSonics 98, Milwaukee Bucks 95, Saturday: Golden State Warriors 153, New Jersey Nets 148 (CT), Mismi Heat 108, Orlando Mage, 100; Washington Bullet 113, Charlotte Honets 97; Chicago Bulls 128, Cleveland Cavallers 102; Prostand Trails Blazers 115, Houston Rocksts 95; New York Knicks 92, Sestite SuperSonics 87; Los Angeles Clippers 103, Milwaukee Bucks 95.

PARIS: European lightweight champ-lonship: Jean-Baptiste Mendy (Fr) bt Antonio Renzo (it, holder), rsc 9th rnd.

Antono Fierzo (fl. holder), rec 971 md.
MEXICO CITY: World Boxing Association light-leatherweight championship: Wifiredo Vazzuaz (P Rico) bt Reul
"Jibaro" Perez (Mex), rec 3rd mot.
SAN PELLEGRINO, Italy: Olympic
Games qualifying tournament: Wetterweight: A Dodson (GB) bt W Matyazko
(Pol), pts. Light-middle: O Delibas (Neth)
bt I Seplevsky (CS), pts.

CYCLING

TOUR OF NORIMANDY: Sexth stage (91.2 miles): 1. K Myyryisinen (Fin), 3hr 48min 48esc; 2. R Prabble (68), seme time: 3. T Dupuy (Fr), at 2sec; 4. C Andersen (Den), at 1 min 46esc; 5. S Farrel (Slovenia), at 1 min 46esc; 5. Handeleine to Si La, 100 miles); 1. Andersen, 4hr 2min 10esc; 2. M Hetanen (Fin), same time; 3. Myyryisinen, at 2sec; 4. R Rumsea (Liftwaria), at 10esc; 5. P Longbottom (GB), same time. Overnia; 1. Dupuy, 215:155; 2. D Febrer Perret (Fr), at 2min 10esc; 3. M Bingworth (GB), at 2:18; 4. T Bricasal (Fr), at 2:35; 5. T Sedlacok (Cz), at 2:34. PERTUIS, France: Criterium two-day intermational race; First day (Orange to Partius, 180km); 1. S Hodga (Aus), 4hr 50min 42sec; 2. G Furlen (fr); 3. J. Theurisse (Neth); 4. L Jalebert (Fr); 5. J Svorada (Cz); 6. S Colage (II); 7. S Kelly (Ire), at sems time.

Talle TRIALS: Heron RC (Devon: hilly 3. Talles); P Shelley (Wellington Wh), 1hr 28min 36esc. Team: Heron, 4:44:23. Southwell CC (two-p 50min; C Sugden and G Cook (Chesterfield Coursura), 1:15:25. Eastern Courtdea CA (30 miles); G Taylor (Leo RC), 1:13:17. Team: Cambridge CC, 4:06:59. Royal Deen Forest (hilly, 28 miles); A Forbes (VC St Raphes), 1:21:16. Team: During RC, 4:25:14. Hemsel Hempsteed CC (nilly, 27 miles); M McNay (CC, Luton), 1:07:00. Team: Hemsel Hempsteed, 3:39:25. Solihuli CC (nilly, 25 miles); 1. S Campbell (Rugby Velo), 1:04:34; 2. S T Team: Solihuli, 3:22:09. Mid-Oxon CRT (25 miles); M McNay (CC, 11:42. Team: Solihuli, 3:22:09. Mid-Oxon CRT (25 miles); M Milen (C), 15:09. Team: Solihuli, 3:22:09. Mid-Oxon CRT (25 miles); M Milen (C), 1:142. Team: Life Course and event record). Team: Politon Course and event record). Team: Politon Course and event record. Team: Hell Course and event record. Team:

LONDON: Men's national foil chemp-lonatrip: Final placings: 1. W Gosbee (Boston): 2. D McKenzie (Mesdowbank): squat 3. C Chinn (Mesdowbank): and J Davies (Boston): 5. G Hall (Sale Paul): 6.

SUN LIFE WESSEX LEAGUE: Quarter-finals: Christle Miller 106, Natisea 56, Moonfleet 64, Bentham 78, Westlecol 93, Northeron 58; Bristol 105, Dorchester 62. Northeyon 56; pinsto 105, piorchesier 02. LINCOLIN: Mackason mixed fours: Cuerter-finale: Addiethorpe 13, Torbey 19; Victory 9, Falcon 24: Way Valley 23, Hall 8; Barmed 12, Roundwood 18. COUNTY MATCH: Hampshire 129, Bed-

captain in successive overs.

were 316 for eight wickets.

included seven fours.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Under-15 inter-national: Czechostovalda 2, Wales 0. London Corinthian Stield: Semi-final: South London 1, Hechey 3, Heugh Trophy: Semi-final: Croydon 4, Worthing 1. Oxford Cup: Swindon 1, Southempton 2. Merzeyside Cup: Chester 1, 5t Helens 0. Suseax Shield: North Suseax 4, West Suseax 3.

Sussex 3.

Research Street Str

ing) 2. Thesie play Mereton Sports (Wolverhampton) in final at Reading FC. May 3. Late results on Friday BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Transmere 1. Leicester City 2. Third division: Stockport 2. Fultam 0. GM VAUXHALL CONFERIECNE: Northwich 0, Telford 1. DUTCH LEAGUE: Fortuna Sitterd 0, Roda JC Kertorads 1. GERMAN LEAGUE: Duieburg 3, Dynamo Desedon 0; Worder Bremen 2, Fortuna Dossedon'1; Wattenscheld 1, Cologne 2. FRENCH LEAGUE: Lans 0, Monaco 1. BELGIAN LEAGUE: Genk 0, FC Liege 0. FA! HARP LAGER CUP: Cuertar-final: Bohermians 1, Shelbourne 1. SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Coleraine 1, Ornagh 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Norwich 4, Charlton 0; Southempton 1, Oxford 1.

KURIMOTOMACHI, Japan: Seniors tournement: Leading final scores: 197: R Floyd (US), 55, 65, 68, 62. 204: G Pleyer (SA), 57, 56, 71. 206: H Ishii (Japan), 71. 59, 58 209: J O'Hern (US), 68, 67, 74; L Trevino (US), 73, 65, 70; A Proctor (US), 68, 71, 70, 210: J Kletter (US), 70, 72, 69; H Henning (US), 73, 69, 68; G Cowan (Can), 72, 57, 71.

72, 67, 71, CALCUTTA: Indian Open: Leading Tinal scores (US unless stated): 284: S Ginn (Aus), 69, 73, 70, 73, 286: A Meeks, 71, 74, 71, 70, 298: S Taylor, 68, 73, 72, 78; F Ali (India), 69, 77, 71, 72, 296: G Bruckner, 71, 76, 72, 71, British score: 295: P Gribben, 73, 73, 73, 76.

SWIMMING

LEEDS: British grand prix (sidn round):
Men: Seturday: 100m freestyle: 1. S
Mellor (Satellie), 53min 82acc; 2. A
Clayton (City of Leeds), 54.20; 3. P Palmer
(Lincoln Pentague), 54.21. 400m freestyle: 1, Palmer, 3min 57.64sec; 2. 8
Alkars (City of Leeds), 4:00.36; 3, Mellor,
4:00.50. 100m backstroke: 1, M Henris
(Barner Coptinell), 59.36; 3, G Robins (Portsmouth Nortrace), 1min 0.003acc. 200m
brisaststroke: 1, J Hender (City of Leeds),
2:24.81. 200m buriterfly; 1, C Robinson
(Klienwhales), 2:07.43; 2, D Warren (City of Leeds),
2:24.83. 2:00m buriterfly; 1, C Robinson
(Klienwhales), 2:07.43; 2, D Marren (City of Leeds),
2:07.74. 2:00m medley; 1, Robins,
2:10.55; 3, F Walker (Warrender), 2:12.55;
Women: Seturday: 100m freestyle: 1, A
Sheppard (Mingave and Bearsden),
59.20sec; 2, C Huddart (City of Leeds),
59.53; 3, Z Long (Backenham), 59.69,
400m freestyle: 1, S Foggo (City of Newcastle), 4min 23.65sec; 2, A Pandrich
(Béckenham), 4:23.72; 3, J Deakins
(Gloucaste City), 4:25.59, 100m backstroke: 1, K Read (Barnet Copthall),
1:94.35; 2, H Steffer (Warrens of Warrington), 1:35.88; 3, J Deakins (Gloucaste City),
1:95.74, 2:00m brasststroke: 1, 8
Brownedor (City of Leeds),
2:77.85; 2, J Mair (Cumbernaud), 2:77.85; 2, J Mair (Cumbernaud), 2:77.200m brasststroke: 1, 5
Brownedor (City of Leeds), 2:10.09; 3, H
Satter (Warrins of Warrington), 2:20.62,
2:00m medley: 1, Z Long (Beckerham),
2:20.22, 2 V Horner (Plewburn), 2:25.38.

HOCKEY

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AEWHA CUP: Quarter-finate: Bradford Q. Blusherts 2; CBiton Q. Hightown 1; Leicester Q. Sutton Coldfield 1; Slough 5. Ealing 1.

TYPHOO NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Cheknstord 2. Donoaster 1. Second division: Bradford 2, Hartesden Magpies 2.

SENIOR WOMEN: Clubs metches: Ben Rhydding 2, Ormeldrik Ford Q; Weston Q, Radland 3; Yale Q, Taunion Vale 3; Otton 3, Aidridge Q: Swensea B, British Steel Q. LANCASHIRE CLUBS TOURINAMENT (Liverpool): Finat: Liverpool 2, Croeby 0. CLUB MATCHES: Brintons 4, GEC Alsthom 1; Bromagrove 1, Old Helesonians 3; Grantism 2, Coshwille 1; Loughborough 1, Burton C; Michelin 3, Bucton 2: Nottingham 2, Mensfield 2; Nureaton 2, Evestham 5; Sutton Q; Qishillans Q: Walsafi 3, Stratford Q; Warwick 3, Bardony Q; Wednesbury 5, Ludlow 1; Wolverhampton 1, Market Drayton Q; Wombourne 2, Stone 4.

ICE HOCKEY Washington Capitals 4, Montresi Canadiens 3; Whrnipeg Jets 6, Los Angeles Kings 4; Edmonton Oliers 5, Minnesota North Stars 3. Saturday: Detroit Red Wings 3, Vancouver Canadies 1; Boston Bruins 4, Buffelo Sabres 3 (01); New Jersey Devis 5, Cuebber, Nordigues 2. New York Islanders 4, New York Rengers 1; Chicago Black Hawles 3, Hartford Whelers 1; Calgary Flames 4, Minnesota North Stars 3; Phtisburgh Pengulins 6, Montreal Canadiens 3; Toronto Magile Leafs 3, St Louis Blues 2. WORLD CHAMPHONSHIP: Pool C. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Group B (in Johannesburg): Israel 4; Spain 38, Turkey 0.

LACROSSE INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Men: England 11 (David Baythorpe 2, Darren Baythorpe 2, S Morley 2, P Lynch 2), US All Stars 8 (in Stockport), Women: Wales 2 (S Goram, T Logan), Scotland 5 (X Barbor 3, H Cohu, V Houston – in Cardiff). TRIAL MATCH: England 6, England Reserves 1 (in Ekrmingham).

MOTORCYCLING

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SUZUKA, Japan: 500cc grand prb: (22 laps, 128,008km): 1, M Doohan (Am), Honda, 556ma 21,831 lace (sverage apead 137,331 lph); 2, D Chendler (US), Suzuki, 56:50,128; 3, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 56:50,128; 4, S k0 (Japan), Honda, 58:08,633; 5, R Memola (US), Yamaha, 58:08,633; 5, R Memola (US), Yamaha, 58:38,538; 7, N Mackerute (GB), Yamaha, 58:38,538; 8, T Honms (Japan), Yamaha, 58:38,422; 10, S Tsujimoto (Japan), Honda, 58:36,422; 10, S Tsujimoto (Japan), Honda, 58:36,422; 10, S Tsujimoto (Japan), Honda, 58:40,608; 250cc (20 laps, 117,280km) 1, L Cadalora (ft), Honda, 52:50,50 (35 faverage speed 133,174km); 2, T Chada (Japan), Honda, 53:14,000; 4, H landi (Geri, Honda, 53:44,501; 10, Honda, 58:14,602; 5, P-F Chill (II), Aprilia, 58:14,602; 7, W Zeelenberg (Neth), Suzuki, 54:21,934; 8, K Nanba (Japan), Yamaha, 56:37,339; 9, L Capirossi (ft), Honda, 54:44,510; 10, J-P Jeendet (Fr), Honda, 54:44,510; 10, J-P Jeendet (Fr), Honda, 56:37,44,911; 125cc (18 laps, 106,552m); 1, R Waldmann (Geri, Honda, 48:10,352; 5, A Saito (Japan), Honda, 49:10,355; 5, A Saito (Japan), Honda, 49:10,355; 5, A Saito (Japan), Honda, 49:10,569; 8, K Wada (Japan), Honda, 49:26,569; 8, K Wada (Japan), Honda, 49:26,569; 8, K Wada (Japan), Honda, 49:28,941; 10, O Petroccianl, (Switz), Honda, 50:01,019.

FOR THE RECORD

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL PLATE: Firels: Mer: Jacobite Jets bt DV 81 II, 6-15, 15-6, 15-12, 15-4. Women: Edinburgh University bt Tulice Jets, 15-12, 16-5, 15-

PUERTO SHERRY, Spein: Soting world champlonship: Semi-finals: K Maheney (US) bt F Leon (So), 2-0; J Bank (Den) bt J Schumann (Ger), 2-0. Final: Maheney bt Bank, 2-1.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Final (second day): Western Australia 396 (T Moody 78, W Andrews 73, T Zoehrar 58, 9 Julian 54), New South Wales 205-2 (S Waugh 97, not out, M Waugh 71 not out).

MODERN PENTATHLON

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TONBRIDGE: University match: Ment 1, 8 Robbie (Oxford), 5,128pts (record; shoot, 1,000; fence, 950; swim, 1,120; ride, 1,070; run 988); 2, R Smale (Cambridge), 4,848; 3, E Egan (Oxford), 4,712; 5, J Stephens (Cambridge), 4,704; 6, G Storch (Cambridge), 4,841. Team: 1, Cambridge, 27,682 (record); 2, Oxford, 27,246; Womert, 1, J. Alen (Cambridge), 5,048 (shoot, 925; fence, 836; rewin, 1,132; ride, 1,100; run, 1,055); 2, A Milweard (Oxford), 4,457; 3, K Gif (Cambridge), 4,256; 5, C Holmes & Court (Oxford), 3,948; 8, L Tugwell (Cambridge), 3,801, Team: 1, Cambridge, 20,539; 2, Oxford, 19,137.

TENNIS
DAVIS CIF: World Group: Quarterfinals: United States lead Czechoslovaida, 2-1 (in Fort blyers, Florida: US names
first: P Semons bit K Novacist, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1;
2-A Agesal bit P Korda, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1;
R Lasch and J McEnroe lost in Korda and C
suk, 8-3, 6-4, 6-4); Switzariand beat
France, 3-1 (in Mines: France names
first: A Boatsch lost to J Hasek, 3-5, 7-6,
6-4, 7-6; T Champion lost to M Rosset, 6-4,
6-4, 4-6, 8-2; G Forget and H Leconte bit
Hasek and Rosset, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6;
Champion lost to Hasek, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6;
Sweden bit Australia, 5-0 (in Lund:
Sweden names first: M Gualatisque bit W
Messr, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; S Ecberg and A
Janyot bi J Fitzgarald and T Woodbridge,
6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Edberg lat Mesur, 6-4, 7is: Bergstrom bit Fromberg, 6-4, 7-5;
Brazz and Italy level, 1-1 (in Maceio:
Srazi and Italy level, 1-5, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; J
Onche bit P Cune, 7-5, 4-8, 5-7, 5-6-3).
ASIA-OCEANIA ZONE: Group onet OUSEN'S CLUB, London: Public schools' doubles championships: Sentonis doubles championships: Sentonis First round: Harrow II (C Hill and A de Cadenet) bit Melwen II (M Hubberd and A Scammell), 15-12, 15-8, 10-15, 15-10, 15-8; Ciffon II (M Demson and G Rese) bit Ciffon II (M Demson and G Rese) bit Ciffon II (J Neimes and B Newman), 11-15, 17-14, 15-8, 15-5, 15-0; Methorough II (B Gidoomal and T Stewart-Liberty) bit Winchester II (J Etingham and S Crott-Baker), 15-10, 3-15, 15-3, 15-8, 15-10; Wellington and S Crott-Baker), 15-10, 3-15, 15-3, 15-8, 15-10; Wellington II (S Beacroft and W Sawmy-Cookacoh) bit Charterhouse II (F Tate and R Pick), 15-11, 35-4, 17-18, 15-3; Herrow II (F Foster and C Densyl) bit Rupby II (Simpson and H Green), 15-7, 15-8, 15-8, 15-7, 15-5, 15-7, 15-10, 15-10; Helleybury II (T Faulinor and A Sibsey) bit Cheltenham II (C Liverton and N Houson), 15-3, 17-14, 15-10, 5-15, 15-15, QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Public schools doubles championships: Se-

Camporese, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3).
Concins bit P Cares, 7-5, 4-8, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3).
ASIA-OCEANIA ZONE: Group over Indonlesia bit Philippines, 4-1 (in Manish); South Kores bit Tawan, 5-0 (in Seous), Retegration play-off: Japan bit China, 3-2 (in Tokyo). Group two: Sean-Innets: Thailend bit Malaysia, 3-2 (in Kusta Lumpur); Hong Kong bit Sit Lanka, 5-0 (in Colombo). Retegration play-off: Pakistan bit Bangladesh, 4-1 (in Dhales).
AMERICAN ZONE: Group one: Second round: Unupury lead Medico, 2-1 (in Santiago); Colombia lead Chile, 2-1 (in Cas); Dominican Republic bit Barbedos, 3-0 (in Santiago); Colombia lead Venezuela, 2-1 (in Cas); Dominican Republic bit Barbedos, 3-0 (in Santiago); Colombia lead Chile, 2-1 (in Cas); Dominican Republic bit Barbedos, 3-0 (in Santiago); Group two: Second round: Baharnae lead Peru, 2-1 (in Nassau); Ecuador lead Eastern Caribbean, 2-1 (in Bassatiare);
SAN ANTONIO, Touas: US women's hardcourt chemplonathips: Quarter-finals: M Nevratilova (US) bit R Reggi-Concato (II), 6-0, 6-1: N Tauxiat (Pr) bit E Manistova (US), 6-1, 6-2, P Shriver (US) bit K Hobset (US) bit K Hobset (US) bit K Hobset (US), 6-7, 6-7, 6-8 emi-finals: Navratiova bit Shriver, 6-4, 6-3: Tauxiat bi Frazier, 4-8, 7-6, 6-4. OUEEN'S CLUB, London: European Open doubles championship: Semi-finals (66 unless stated): L Deuchar Aus) and J Male bt M Devine and N Wood, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0, 6-5; C Bray and M Gooding bt R Fahey (Aus) and J Snow, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5. Final: Deuchars and Male bt Bray and Gooding, 5-8, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

HEAD OF THE RIVER (Mortisks to Putney): 1, Molessey I, 17min 48eec (Page Trophy): 2, Leander I, 17:54; 3, London Univ I, 18:01 (Vernen Trophy): 4, Notts County I, 18:10; 5, IC I, 18:20 (Senior I winners); 6, London I, 18:21; 7, Leander II, 18:22; 8, Tideway Scutiers II, 18:31; 9, Bactirot I, 18:35.77; 11, London Univ II, 18:35.77; 18:36.60; 13, Tideway Scutiers I, 18:39.07; 14, Isis, 18:39.21; 15, Thames I, 18:40; 16, London Univ III, 18:45.7; 18:46.18; (Order Shield); 19, Nottinghem and Union I, 18:49; 20, Tideway Scutiers III, 18:50. Other christon winners: Senior 2; Imported Coll I (29th), 19:03. Novice: IC IV (122nd), 20:00. Services prize, Royal Navy (150th), 20:16. WOMEN: BOAT RACE: Cambridge bt Oxford, 16 length (6min 20eec), Reserve race: Bioncie beat Oxide, 31 lengths (6.32). Men's lightweights: Cambridge bt Oxford, 3 lengths (6.35).

lengins (6.39).
VESTA VETERANS' HEAD (Putney to Martisles): Category A: London, 19min 05esc. Category B: Tideway Scullers, 19.13. Category D: Tideway Scullers, 19.57. Category D: Tideway Scullers, 19.57. Category E: Broxbourne, Lea, Popier and Blackwal, 21.17. Category F: London, 22.26.

**RUGBY UNION** 

PLANICA, Slovenia: World Cup: 1, A Felder (Austria), 237 öpts; 2, H Kuttin (Austria), 214.7; 3, T Nieminen (Fin), 213.7; 4, E Vettori (Austria), 2010. Final civerali: 1, Nieminen, 289; 2, W Rathmayr (Austria), 229; 3, Felder, 218; 4, Vettori, 205. Team event 1, Austria, 605. Spts; 2, Germany, 522.8; 3, Finland, 522.1; 4, Czechoelovekia, 449.6. Final overali: 1, Austria, 1, 183; 2, Finland, 491; 3, Czechoelovekia, 356; 4, Switzerland, 269.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embasey world championship: Fourth qualifying round (Eng
unless stated): P Edbon bt J Birch, 10-7:
K Doherly (Iro) bt i Brumby, 10-8; S Meillich
bl A Chappel (Welses), 10-1; K Stevens
(Carl) bt J Swail (N Ire), 10-1; S Murphy
(Ire) bt I Graham, 10-8; J Wright bt J
Whittaker, 10-6; J Ferguson bt A Meo, 109; C Smail (Soor) bt C Thorbum (Carl), 107. Fifth qualifying round: W Thorne bt A
Hicks, 10-6; N Bond bt J McLaughtin
(N Ire), 10-2: M Johnston-Alen bt S
Newbury (Wales), 10-2.

FORTE HOTELS MATCHROOM
LEAGUE (Eng unless stated): A Fisher bt
N Foulds, 53: S Davis drew with G
Wilshaon, 4-4: S Hendry (Soot) bt Fisher,
6-2: J White bt Hendry, 5-3.

SPEEDSKATING SPEEDSKATING
BUTTE, Montains: World Cup: 500m:
First race: 1, Y Mayabe (Japan), 38, 69sec;
2, D Jarrsen (US), 37,19; 3, M Yudi
(Japan), 37,24. Second race: 1, Jansen,
35,61; 2, Mayabe, 36,72; 3, T Kurohva
(Japan), 35,94. Final overall: 1, Jansen,
213pts; equal 2, Miyabe and Kuroiwa,
174. 1,000m: 1, Miyabe, Imin 15,81sec.
2, Y Fumoto (Japan), 1:16,18; 3, N
Thometz (US), 1:16,25. Final overall: 1, I Zhelszowski (Fluesla), 100pts; 2, Kuroiwa,
97; 3, Miyabe, 61, 1,500m: 1, P Adeberg
(Gen), 1:23,56; 2, F Zandstra, (Herh),
1:53,79; 3, A Schreuder (Neth), 1:53,80,
Overall: 1, Zandstra, 94pts; 2, J O Koes
(Mor), 85; 3, Adeberg, 77, 5,000m: 1, R
Ritsman (Neth), 7min 03,89sec: 2,
Zandstra, 7-0,451; 3, T Bos (Neth),
7:06,97, 10,000m: 1, Bos, 14:37,24; 2, K
Sato (Japan), 14:41,51; 3, Zandstra,
14:43,56, Overall: 1, G Kartelad (Nor),
126pts; 2, Koss, 118; 3, Zandstra, 114

MOTOR RALLYING KANYA SAFARI RALLY: Leaders (after third leg, 636km). 1, C Sahz; (5p), Toyota, 43min (lose; persisties; 2, J Fecside (Arg), Lancia, 50.00; 3, I Duncan (Ken), Toyota, 1hr 04min (lose; 4, J Kantidumen (Fin), Lancia, 1:10.0; 5, M Fricason (Swe), Toyota, 1:22.00; 6, M Alen (Fin), Toyota, 1:22.00; 6, M Alen (Fin), Toyota, 1:24.00; 7, P Eldund (Swe), Soberu, 2:53.00; 8, P Niku (Ken), Suberu, 2:55.00; 9, S Rai (Ken), Toyota, 3:30.00; 10, Y Ivease (Jepan), Toyota, 3:31.00.

SQUASH RACKETS

SRA BRITISH JUNIOR BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS: Under-19: Querter-finals:
P Nicol (Scot) bt P Ganevar (Sussec), B-1,
9-0, 9-2: P Butler (Kent) bt S Cowle
(Norfolk), 9-1, 10-9, 9-6; C (Care (Avon) bt
J Rannie (Cheshire), 10-9, 9-7, 3-8, 9-5; N
Cass (Yorke) bt P Hargrave (Derbys), 9-6,
6-6, 6-9, 9-5, 9-7. Semi-finals: Nicol bt
Butler, 9-6, 9-7, 9-0; Clare bt Cass, 8-4, 9-7,
10-8. Under-16: Querter-finals: C
Tombrison (Kant) bt P Translets (Yorks), 9-4,
9-1, 9-6; J Robbbins (Kant) bt C Newton
(Sussed), 9-2, 10-8, 9-7; J Daile (Northumbrie) bt L Drew (Bucks), 9-4, 9-3, 9-5; 1
Higgins (Essex) bt L Beschill (Yorks), 9-4,
9-8, 9-8, 9-3, 10-8, 9-7; J Daile (Northumbrie) bt L Drew (Bucks), 9-4, 9-3, 9-5; 1
Higgins (Essex) bt L Beschill (Yorks), 9-4,
9-8, 9-8, 9-8, 10-9, 9-5, 0-9, 4-9, 9-3.
NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP: Cumbria
4, Northumbria 1.
NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Custrer-final: Pontefrect 5,
Colinion Cestle (Edinburgh) 0.

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BARRIE Corless, Northampton's director of coaching, set

a pre-season target of a place in the top six of the Courage Clubs Championship. But

following victory over Wasps at Franklins Gardens on Sat-

urday. Northampton stand

third, waiting for Bath or

And they must have rich expectations of winning at least two of their final three

games, against Nottingham and Rosslyn Park, the bottom clubs, and Leicester.

Saurday's emphatic win stemmed from a potent mix-

ture of power and panache. with Hunter and Thorneycroft, forthright runners, pro-ducing magical perfor-

After polishing their for-

ward skills by recruiting

Shelford, Olver and Ether-

idge last season. Northamp-ton have now an impressive

centre partnership in

MacNaughton, formerly of Liverpool St Helens, and

Dawson, last season's England Schools scrum half.

Both scored tries as North-

ampton amassed 22 points in

the second half to erase a 15-

ó deficit. Three came in a 13-

With Bayfield outjumping O'Leary in the lineout, Tebbutt roaming far and wide and Shelford at his in-

spirational best, Northamp-

ton's backs had ample

possession to show their skills.

Wasps, having scored a try of

stunning simplicity from

Damian Hopley, relied on the touch kicking of Bates and Davies to check North-

ampton's progress in a rug-

Handicapped by a shoul-

der injury to Kinsey, Wasps

were thankful for the kicking

minute soell.

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Orrell to slip.

League game may shift to Easter Saturday

## Orrell players opt for club ahead of county title decider

By DAVID HANDS AND MICHAEL STEVENSON

Rugby Football Union (RFU) this week against the decision to play their Courage Chibs Championship match with Harlequins on Easter Monfollowing the 18-12 victory over Gloucester on Saturday. the Lancashire club will seek to have the game played on April 18, Easter Saturday the same day as the county championship final.

Although Bath, by virtue of their hard-earned 25-15 victory over Nottingham, head the first division, Orrell will become champions for the first time if they win their three remaining matches away to Wasps and Harlequins, and home to Nottingham. Form suggests that victory at Harlequins will be the most difficult to achieve.

The match should have been played on February 8, but the first division programme was deferred that day so that the Pilkington Cup fourth round, postponed because of bad weather from January 25, could take place. That decision of the RFU competitions sub-committee. taken "without consultation or discussion" according to John Arrowsmith, the Orrell secretary, has contributed directly to the dilemma of club v county which the Orrell play-

Most of the Orrell first XV

London Scottish.

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

NEEDING no more than a

draw to ensure promotion to

the first division of the Cour-

age Clubs Championship,

London Scottish ran Sale

ragged at the Athletic

Ground on Saturday. With

on course to repeat the 100

per cent record they achieved

when winning the third divi-

Northampton to the top flight

was accompanied by march-

ing bands and a festival at-

mosphere at Franklins Gar-

dens. A lone piper, not even

kilt...i., and a matter of fact

feeling of a job well done

produced a stark contrast at

vardstick and the team stays

together, the Scots will not be

out of place among the elite

Enthusing over his call-up for the Scotland tour to Aus-

tralia. Millard prompted

things from scrum half and

linked well with White at the

base of the scrum. The pace of

the Scottish backs, even when

reshuffled after injures to

Renwick and Appleson, was a

As early as the first minute,

the die was cast - Millard,

Harrold and Millard again

sending Grecian in unchall-

enged. Alexander replied immediately with a penalty

goal but Grecian and Apple-

son found the target for the

But if their flowing play is a

Richmond.

constant threat.

nopular try.

come September.

That season, the rise of

sion two winters ago.

es left, they re

Scottish power

to promotion

ADT championship semifinals earlier this month, but with a critical league match to be played over the same week-end of the final, the players have decided to give Orrell preference and not make themselves available for Lancashire, who will now face Cornwall at Twickenham with a drastically weakened team. If the appeal is allowed, Lancashire's first XV will play in Orrell colours at the Stoop memorial ground while, 300'

ond XV play at Twickenham. "The players considered all the implications on Saturday night and have most reluctantly decided that they cannot make themselves available for Lancashire. Arrowsmith said yesterday. "Since our players are now free on the Saturday, that is when we wish to play the

yards away, Lancashire's sec-

league match.
"We have been placed in a very invidious situation by the decision to impose the Pilkington Cup on a Courage weekend. Even so, Lancashire being in the final is nothing to do with the club and we feel that Saturdays are the proper days on which to play Courage matches." Some Harlequins players

Set up by Appleson, Beazley

nipped in under the posts

before Alexander closed the

first-half scoring with a sec-

ond penalty goal. A third success for the latter and a try

and, in the last four minutes,

Scott drove over from a five-

metre scrum and Cramb ran

in from halfway unopposed.

lier trounced Nuneaton 43-6

to maintain their two-point lead at the top of the third division and move within one

victory of regaining the place

they lost last season. Della-

Savina, their blind-side flank-

er, led the way with three

With two matches left -

three for Sheffield - the lead-

ing six clubs are still involved

SCORERS: London Scottleft: Tries: Grecian, Signorini, Bestriey, Scott, Cramb. Conversions: Appleant (2), Grecian, Morion, Penalty goals: Grecian, Appleant (5), Sale: Try: Rudacanu. Penalty goals:

in the promotion chase.

Second division

Third division

Basingstoke Camborne Exling Hevant

31 Mossley 19 Bedford 40 Sale 3 W Hartispeel 54 Physically

ple dividends.

who had hoped to take a holiday over Easter must also decide whether, given the significance of the league match. they should change their plans or stand accused by

tion for the league title (which Harlequins are not) of making life easier for Orrell. It is an unhappy position which was eminerally predictable when the competitions sub-committee came to its original decision in January.

At Edge Hall Road on Saturday, Gioucester, without five first-chaice players, came to spoil, and largely succeed-ed. The strappy mess that was the first half contained more collapsed scrums than one normally sees in a month. Sammy Southern. Orrell's veteran prop and cantain, had no doubt as to the cause. "Gloucester's hooker, John Hawker, was packing down far too low and couldn't hold his position; when he went off just after half-time, not

Predictably, the game was resolved by goalkicking.
Strett had one of his on-days,
kicking six penalty goals for
Orrell from eight chances,
but Hamlin (who took over from Marment, standing in for Tim Smith, the regular goalkicker) also kicked well, with four successes from six

another scrum collapsed."

SCORERS: Orreit: Penalty goals: Stret (S). Gloucester: Penalty goals: Hemits (4) ORRELL: S Taberner; N Healop, S Langford, M Fledon, P Heiselt, M Strett, Mortle, M Hymas, N-Hischen, D Southern, E Cleary (sign: N Ashurel), C Cusani, G Gredon, P Merrier, S Gallagher. GLOUCESTER: N Manment: J Pennies, E QLOUCESTER: N Manment: J Pennies, GLOUCESTER: N Manment: J Pennies, Hennestord: P Jones, J Hewiser (rep: N Donn), A Descon, R Fowles, N Scrivers, F Miles, I Smith, S Messiers. Reference: S Pierroy (RFU).

#### Navy shock shoddy **Air Force**

Royal Navy...

BY A CORRESPONDENT

by Radacanu brought Sale back to within two scores, at 22-13, with half an hour left. THE Royal Navy gained their first win in the inter-The relemiless speed of the services tournament for five game, though, started to tell and the fitness regime super-

years at Twickenham on Saturday, with a surprise success over the Royal Air Force, the vised by Margot and Allan holders. At the start, it looked as penalties in Appleson's range

though the Navy had planned a defensive game to stop Rory Underwood. Yet the England international. playing on the wing, did not live up to expectations.

With Appleson off the field, Grecian converted the first Shoddy passing from his and, to show he was not RAF team-mates left the Navy with most of the possesforgotten in his enforced role on the left wing. Morrison, nominally the open-side sion and Underwood's only chance to shine came in the eleventh minute, when he flanker, converted the second. sprinted down the left for the Richmond, co-tenants at opening try. the Athletic Ground, had ear-

Stephen Trench, a lock, scored two tries for the Navy, with Kevin Bethwaite adding three conversions.

three conversions.

SCORERS Royal Nany, Tries: Tierch (2).

Dunham, Perkins. Conversions: Bethweite (5). Royal Air Forcs. Tries: Underwood, Personage. Conversion: Hull. Pensity goal: Hull.

ROYAL NAVY: PO. K. J. Bethweite (HMS Nephane): Md A. Kellett (RNEC). Lt. C. Alcock (HMS Air Royal). Lt. S. Philips (UNR): LiSer. L. S. Omen (HMS Busticus): Sub-Lt. C. Reed (RAF Lynton on Ouse): Capt R. W. Dunham (CTCRM). PO. C. Capt R. W. Dunham (CTCRM). PO. C. Capt R. W. Dunham (CTCRM). PO. C. Capt R. W. Cormeell), PO. E. J. Cowles (HMS Sesinavit). LPT 1 Russell (FOSH). PO. C. S. Trancit (CTCRM). Spt. M. Hewitt (CTCRM). PO. S. Jones (BRNC), L. Cpl. R. W. Armstrong (Colo Log Regiment HM).

ROYAL. AIR FORCE: Cpl. S. Lizzanby (Brize Norton); SAC S. Crossland (Locking). SAC G. Stamp (Benson), Cql. S. Roke St. Athen, Fit Lt R. Underwood (Wyton); Cpl. P. Hulli (Lymeltam), Sqt. S. Worrali (Cottosmore); Sgt. D. Rokson (Odinsen); Sgt. D



## Leicester lose pivot Kardooni

The young right wing's iles, Park never began to

survival.

fourth penalty goal of the expand their game in the way match, landed in the first that was required. Graves

Harlequins .. Leicester. BY DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Pears, who has been a thorn in Leicester's side in their last three league meetings, is confident that he will be fit to play for Harlequins when these two clubs meet again in the Pilkington Cup semi-final this weekend. Sadly. Aadel Kardooni, the Leicester scrum half who, like Pears, left the field during Saturday's league match,

Pears had scored 12 points in his club's first Courage Clubs Championship win since December - by a goal, two tries and two penalty goals to a goal, a try and a penalty - before limping off with a "dead leg". By doing

probably will not.

HOSSIYN PANK.....

THE task London Irish set

themselves at the start of the.

season, to ensure their first

year in the Courage Clubs Championship first division

ended in survival, was duly

achieved at Sunbury on Sat-

urday - not with a back-line

flourish from the likes of

ensure victory in a poor game, in which both players and spectators seemed to be holding their breath before the cup encounter to come. Kardooni went off at the interval, with Leicester trailing 13-3, prompting fears

that he has damaged knee ligaments. The initial diagnosis suggested an absence of three weeks, and, though his club will have Rory Underwood, Richards (who withdrew from Saturday's match because of his wife's illness) and Liley available for the cun semi-final, the loss of their pivot, who played in the 1989 cup final, is a desperate blow.

The evidence of this match served only to confirm Harlequins as favourites to reach the final. They may not have a huge stomach for league rug-by; but they won more easily than the score suggests while playing in something like third gear. The quality of

minute of injury time, cruelly

snatched away the lifeline to

which Rosslyn Park had

clung throughout the second half. The loss of a point here.

bearing in mind two of their

last three fixtures are against

Bath and Northampton, has

probably closed the door on Park's first division

Park's problem is that they

lows far more options than are open to Leicester, who threatened most frequently through Boyle's deft chipkicks late in the game.

Ironically, they failed to score from their best passage of play, early in the match, and indeed all they had to show for early dominance was a close-range penalty from Wills. Harlequins solved their lineout difficulties by throw-

ing long, to Sheasby, or using Langhorn, who returned from injury to play an effect-ive game. Skinner added zest to their play initially and brought the best out of the Leicester defence, but the Midlanders invariably had to commit more than one man to the tackle and it took desperate corner-flagging to keep out Carling, at both ends of the ground, and Skinner.

Sheasby diving onto a poorlydirected Leicester lineout tap and Thompson profitting from a huge hole torn in midfield by Winterbottom and Carling.

In between, Pears kicked his goals and darted through for a delightful try before Harlequins returned to their slumbers in the final quarter. Leicester ground forward at a five-metre scrum and Povoas forced his way over and Wills inserted himself into the line and stepped out of Halliday's tackle for the final try.

SCORERS: Harlequina: Tries: Si Pears, Thompson. Conversion: Penalty goals: Pears (2). Lefcents Povoss, Wills. Conversion: Wills.

With HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; Wedderburn, W Caring, S Helider Weddierburn, W Carting, S Halliday, Weddierburn, W Carting, S Halliday, Thompson; D Pears (rep: B Short), Gleninter, M Hobley, N Killick, A Mulles, I Stainer, N Edwards, R Lenghorn, Winterbottom, C Sheesby, L Lecestre's S Wille; S Hackney, L Boyle, Bates, T Underwood; G Almoough, Kardoon's (rep: J Hamilton); S Rederri, Treaster, D Gartorth, J Welts, M Johnson; I Poole, N Back, S Pouces.
Referes: E Morrison (Briston).

time, had their lead trimmed

by Corcoran's third penalty a

minute after half-time. Irish.

dominating the second half,

were close to several tries after

that but their finishing lacked

of Pilgrim, who landed three out of five attempts, and a dropped goal by Davies but Northampion wrote an autocratic signature in anacking MacNaughton scored the finest try, from a 65-yard move involving Steele, Hunt-

#### Irish make sure of their survival er, Dawson and Packman,

opportunist try when hacking a loose ball over the line. Steele stroked over five kicks, them narrowly, and Northampton had stated their strong case for the title.

Conversions: Steels (3). Penalty Steele (2). Wasps: Try: D H Coonversion: Pilgrim. Penalty goal grin (2). Dropped goal: Davies.

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter, Freekman, M Dawton, R MacNaughton, H Thomeycrott, J Steele, D Elkington; G Beldwin, J Oliver, G Peerce, S Foele, J Etheridge, M Baylietd, R Tabbutt, W Shelford.

#### SCOREPS: London Irist: Pensity gosite: Corcosan (4). Robelyn Partic Pensity gosite: Graves (4). Robelyn Partic Pensity gosite: Graves (4). LoNDon IRISSH: J. Staples; M. Corcosan, P. Young, J. Kochane, S. Geoghegan: D. Curiss, R. Saunders; T. Clancy, J. McGraffend, M. McComidt, P. Collina, C. Buse, M. Kecnan, D. Pegder, A. Verling, R. Ossel, P. Arother, S. Hunder, K. Wyles, G. Leleu, P. Robler, A. Holder, P. Moon; P. Essenhigh, D. Bernott, J. Redd., T. Hyde (nor. R. Stratford), S. Foulds, B. Davison, M. Hall, A. Méksand. Reference, R. Raes (FPU). Geoghegan or Curtis but by the goal-kicking of Corcoran. have too few players of suffi-cient quality. Against the Ex-Park, 12-6 ahead at half-Howe's death leaves players stunned

kicked four first-half penalty

goals, but, despite ample pos-

reft of attacking ideas.

session, Park's backs were be-

Irish have survived because

they do possess some class and sparks of creativity in

their side. Players such as

Collins and Pegler, stalwarts in the back row all season,

have done much to secure the

crucial points that add up to



BY DAVID HANDS PLAYERS at West Hartlepool, contenders for promo-tion this season to the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, were still stunned yesterday by the collapse, and subsequent death, of John Howe, their lock forward, during the second-division game at

Morley on Saturday.
Howe, aged 28, complained of feeling unwell at the start of the match; the game had been in progress or some 16 minutes before his collapse. He was attend-

fort to revive him before an Leeds Infirmary, where he was pronounced dead. The

game was abandoned. Neville Brown, the West Hartlepool president, said: "It appears he had a heart attack. It had nothing to do with the game. There was no contact with any other player. It's an absolute tragedy. All the players are

Howe played for the Northern Division, England Under-23 and the Barbarians during a varied playing career which took him from Hartlepool Rovers (1981-6), to Sara-

Cuine 9. Weisti Brewers West Wales Championship: Ammanfard 14, Felinicot 4; Waunshinydd 0, Vardre 25, David McLean North Wales Leegue: Colwyn Bay 16, Mold 3; Dolgelau 32, Bangor 3; Petheli 13, Rhyl 50.

shattered."

impulse treatment in an ef- cens (1986), back to Rovers (1987), then Sale (1988-9) and then to West Hartlepool, for whom he appeared 68 times. During his time at Saracens he was treated for an irregular heart beat but was able to continue play-ing and was in Durham's successful 1989 county

> was 6ft 7in and weighed over 17st - was a key ingredient in the club's promo-tion bid. "John was one of the best players I have had the good fortune to work with," Dave Stubbs, West's coaching organiser, said. "As a person you couldn't have found a more lovely

championship team. His lineout ability — he

man." He worked as a driver for a building company A South African prop forward, Jan Lock, of Northern Transvaal, died from heart failure last October after leaving the field during a warm-up match preceding the Currie Cup final in Pretoria but such occurences are rare in the higher

reaches of rugby union. West Hartlepool were leading 3-0 when Geraint Davies, the Liverpool referee, abandoned the match. When a suitable time has passed, the Senior Clubs Association will presumably require the match to be

played again.

#### Sale: Try: Recordant. Provincy Services (2). LONDON SCOTTISK: M Appleace (1912). LONDON SCOTTISK: M Appleace (1912). J. Beirdj; N Grecken, F Hanneld, J Beazdy, L. Remetick (1902; K Troup), R Coarts, D Millard, D Signorini, B Galchrist, B Hillicks, N Provan, D Cronin, R Scott, I Morrison, D White, SALE G Harrison, R Davies, S Burnhill, S Ogdon (1912; P. Jeo), K Young, M Alcandor, P Linkin, M Whitecombo, D Taylor, A Smith, M Konfot, D Beldwin, C Redecant, M Dobson, A MacFerlere (1912; I Williams). Restarest: S Gelfithe (1911). Scots before another peneed by doctors on the field, trating run by Harrold freed given mouth-to-mouth re-Signorini for the day's most Howe had felt unwell suscitation and electrical

Courage Clubs Championship First division 25 NOTTINGHAM 15 am: Pens: Gregory (5). 48 RUGBY Bristol: Tries: Lloyd (3), Stiff (2), Collings (2), Davis, Wring, Duggan, Colle: Tainton (3), Redrup, Rugby: Try: Blahop. HAPILEOUINS 20 LEICESTER Harlequins: Tries: C Sheeby, Pears, Thompson. Con: Pears. Pens: Pears (2). Leicester: Tries: Wille, Povces. Con: Wills. Pen: Wills.

12 ROSSLYN PK 12 NOFITHAMPTON 28 WASPS Northampton: Tries: Hunter, Pacimen. MecNaughton, Dewson. Cons: Steele (3). Pane: Steele (2). Waspe: Tries: D. Hopley. Con: Pleykin. Pens: Pitgrim (2). Dropped goals: Devies.

Orrell: Pens: Strett (6). Gloud Pens: Hamin (4).

Fourth division north 3 Stourbridge
12 Towcestriene
13 Winnington Pk
9 Herstord
21 Walself
10 Preston G McEwan's Scottish League First division GLASGOW HK 13 STIPLING CO 18 Glasgow High Kalvinskis: Try: McClymont, Pans: Breckenridge (S). Stirling County: Tries: MecDonald, Pan-alty my. Const: MecDonald (2). Pen: MacDonald.

Fourth division south

CURRIE Currie: Tries: Farrer (2), Beggy, Forrester. Cons; Doneldson (4). Pens: Donaldson (2), Selidric Pen: Hunter.

Second division 15 Kelen 23 14 Dundee HSFP 15 Heineken Welsh League

First division CARDIFF 22 MAESTEG Cardiff: Tries: Ford, Hall, Watkins. Cons: Thomas (2), Pens: Thomas (2), Maesteg: Try: Dodd, Con: Edwards. Pens: Edwards. NEWBRIDGE 22 BRIDGEND Newbridge: Tries: Crane (2), Fealey. Cons: Hayward (2). Pens: Hayward (2). Bridgend: Tries: Evans, Bryant. Con: Evans. Pens: Evans (2).

WEEKEND RUGBY: UNION RESULTS AND TABLES Newport: Tries: Yendle, Pensity try, Con: Harries. Pens: Harries (2). Nestre Tries: Thorburn (3), Bell, Cons: Bell (3). Pens: Bell (3), Thorburn. PONTYPOOL 15 LLANEUL Pontypool: Tries: Huish, Philips. Cons; Jones (2). Pers: Jones. Lienett: Tries: Jones (2), Evans, Davies, Moon, Quinnell. Cons: Stephens (3). Pens: Stephens (2). SWANSEA 46 PONTYPRIDD 12 Swaness: Tries: Clement (3), Davies (2), Hopkins, Jones, Cons: Williams (3), Pens: Williams (4), Pontypridd: Try: Bezard, Con; Jenkins, Pens: Jenkins (2),

Second division Abersvon 43 Trodeger Cross Keys. 25 Dunvant Glenorgen W 12 Ebbe Vale Penerth 9 Aberstery Sth Weise Pol 14 Lianharan

Inter-services match Royal Navy 22 RAF Club matches

TOUR MATCH: Gala 38, Cardensies
Tucuman (Aug) 12.
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division: Porticolile FP 28, Howe Of File
3: Durnfries 19, Perthehire 11; Gordonians
18, Trimity Academicsis: 15; Claridation 12,
Grangemouth 6; Hutchedone-Aloysians
20, Langenim 14. Fourth division: East
(Barde 6; Linithgeone A; Cambushang 25;
Morgan Academicsis: 6; Weysticers 6,
Glentottes 19, Sixth division: Lenzie 29,
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Glentottes 19, Sixth division: Lenzie 29,
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Glentottes 19, Sixth division: Lenzie 29,
Androssen University 34, Stratimore 0;
RAF Kinicas 12, Ross High 16; Montrose
20, Rosyth and District 8; Whitecraigs 2,
Duns 38
HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Third
division: Aberswon Outse 17, Wreschem 8;
Basha 3, Tenby United 7; Bonymass 43,
Mountain Ash 7; Marbarth 22, Rumery 6;
Treorchy 28, Liandovery 10, Fourth
division: Backwood 18, Pontypool United 12; Cithynydd 19, Kdwesby 12; Ruthin
18, Kenfig Hill 28; Tumble 22, Abercynon
9; Ystradyyrlais 19, Strelair 77,
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Wells 12; Liantiman 30, Wisteh Central
Glemorgan League: Bridgend Sports
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Haverforders 3, Bon Francis Cup:
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13; Flour Da Lys 14, Gerndiffeith 9,
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Haverforders 31, St. Polar 11; Lingwan
3, Aberyswyth 14, Millord Heven 13,
Cardigen 13; Neytand 4, Pembroke Dock

Bay 18, Mold 3: Dolgesau 32, Bangor 3; Pwilheii 13, Rhyl 50.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championahip: First division: Ruising 30. Old Aleymans 3; Sutton and Epsom 24, Cheshant 14; Thurrock 42, Dorking 3, Second division north: Chingford 9, Berking 23; Finchley 28, Lefthworth 25; Harlow 23, Old Merchant Taylors 13; Norvich 25, Beshop's Stortford 17; Woodford 9, Tabard 12, Second division south: Guiddred and Godelning 7, Old Colleianus 22; Old Blues 6, Camberley 29; Old Judolan 38, US Pertamouth 11; Tumbridge Wells 4, Esher 22; Wastcombe Park 18, Worthing 4, Third division north rest: Brantwood 18, Colchester 3; Carrey Island 15, Basidon 19; Romford and Gidden Park 12, Chelmadord 18; Saffron Walden 12, Cambanguan 9; Westcliff 6, Cembridge 57, Third division north west: Pullarisms 7; Old Varuspriba 22, Herford 6, Third division south east: Beckenham 36, Chichester 3; Heasings and Sectil 12, Hoteham 30; Old Brookleians 3, Crawley 26; Thand Wandersta 20, Dastfordians 15, Third division south west: Alon 21, Eestleigh 3; Cranleigh 10, Purley 9; Old Emanuel 0, Old Reigellon B; Old Welcountians 0, KCS Old Boys 4; Portsmouth 21, Winchester 10.

Maldennead 4: Gordon Laugue 10, Street 15; Salishury 12, Reading 15, Second division: Barressple 15, Teunton 12: Combe Down 25, Oxford 14; Marlow 16, Pennyn 8; Patson 20, Stroud 22; Shergorne 12, Horsley 25; Wastern Com-

48. Tiverton 4: Newquay Hornets 0. Oteshampton 20; Old Guiverhayslans 15. Launceston D. Southern Counties: Banbury 15. Windsor 7: Bistchley 3. Wimborne 12: Boumemouth 15. Dorchester 15: Grove 9. Swarrage and Wareham 20; Oney 9. Reclingensians 9. Corneral and Devon: Crediton 35. Sidmouth 6: Eveter Sarracens 18. Teignmouth 3: Saitash 11. Ermouth 6: South Molton 13. Hayte 20: Trune 6. Plymouth CS 8. Gloudseter and Somerast: Cleve 3. Whitehal 18. Conny Hall 16, Wivelscomba 18: Dings Crusaders 13. Ottifield Old Boys 12. Drybrook 23. Frome 15: Keynsham 13. Gloucester 6. Bucics and Oxon: Chiltern 27. Milton Keynes 0: Chinner 21, Oxford Marathon 4: Oxford Old Boys 15. Winey 8: Whesafey 3. Stough 44. Berteither, Dorset and Williamsham 15. Swindon 4: Davizes 6. Wootton Bessett 9: North Dorset 22. Corsham 9; Swindon Callege 12. Melitaham 0. MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championahip: First division: Barkers Butts 16, Syston 27: Birmingham and Solitud 21. Newark 13; Darby 25, Marasfield 16; Learnington 15, Westfeigh 10; Leighton Buzzard 10, Stoke on Trest 18. Second division east: Amber Valley 6, Vigers 9: Bedford Ah 38, Peterfororuph 16: Siggleswade 34, Stewarts and Lisbester, Ampthill 21, Stoneyget 31, Lutiserworth 15, Westfeigh 10; Leighton 18, Burtonsprove 10: Welvestrampton 18, Burton 0. East Midlands and Lisbester, Ampthill 21, Stoneyget 33; Lutiserworth 13; Northengton 20. St Ives 3; Long Buckty 18, Northengton 20. St Ives 3; Long Buckty 18, Northengton Caguals 10; Northengton MO 18, Quente 14; Northengton MO 18, Quente 1

MORTH: Courage Clubs Chemponship: First division: Hartlepool Rovers 18, Sandal 18; Hull Indiana 3, Rotherham 28; Middesbraugh 24, Widnes 15 Tynedals 57, Birkenthead Park 14; Wigton R Restired and Discher 19

## Parsons discovers a flaw in selection motion



Parsons: active role

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

GEOFF Parsons stood out for three reasons at the first annual meeting of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) in Birmingham on

Saturday. One was his height; at 6ft 8in, the tallest man in the room. Another was that the former British record-holder for the high jump was the only active international athlete who took the trouble to attend. The third was far more significant.

Parsons spotted the flaw in a motion designed to ensure that Britain does not leave at

be at international championships. He was the only one to vote against it.

"You should not be able to

buy your way into an international team," Parsons said. He was referring to the motion that read: "That for Olympic Games, world championships and European championships, the full quota of athletes permitted in each event, according to the qualifying standards set by the respective organisers. shall be selected by the federation, subject to it being satisfied that sufficient finance will be available."

Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said that such an occurence would be unlikely. "It would be an intolerable situation if you had a well-off father able to afford

second- or third-string ath-

lete - and the motion did

not exclude junior, veteran or

ultra championships - the

athlete may find alternative

subsidise, say, the second-

and third-choice shot

putters, and finances could

not be raised by other means,

the fourth best athlete might

jump the queue because he

had the money.

But if the BAF could not

funding.

cannot afford to pay for a to send his son to the world junior championships while another could not," he said. "I am fairly sure the federation would find it unacceptable."

It is not mandatory for the BAF to act on the resolution. "I think the spirit of that motion will be taken on board by council," Ward said. "But the bit about people buying their own way into international teams was not the spirit of what was intended by the AGM."

The motion was well intentioned. "Selection for the major championships honours the athletes, the clubs and the community in which they live," Derek Johnson, of the South of England Athletic Association, said. "It is important that these athletes are able to provide inspiration down to grass roots

David Bedford, secretary of the BAF, said that the resolution established flexibility "to prop the team up a bit" and that any individual case would be dealt with by the authorities of the governing body.

"There may well be a situation in the future where British athletics cannot afford to take all selected people," Bedford said.

Johnson called for the use

of "private sponsorship and public donations" in the event of the BAF falling on hard times. John Lister, the BAF treasurer, said that. though finances were secure now, the sport had to guard against complacency.

"For at least 1992 and 1993, we have sufficient income to cover our costs." Lister said. "But British athletics is too heavily dependent on income from television and sponsorship. We need to develop new

Moves by cross country and road running to have guaranteed places on the BAF management board

fered at the vote, too, just six months into the life of the united governing body for British athletics.

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Bob Greenoak failed in his attempt to become chairman of the track and field commission, beaten by David Cropper, and Jim McInnes and Hilda Everett were unsuccessful in the management board election. Johnson and Gordon Wright secured the two places.

Scotland's one existing representative going into the meeting. Ian Clifton. was ousted by Matt Frazer as secretary of the cross-country

Rugby league cup holders are irresistible

## Wigan rewrite the record book in inspired display

Bradford Northern ..... 10

By KETTH MACKLIN

THE time may soon come when the Rugby Football League will have to find a means of handicapping Wigan to create a degree of competition in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. However, Wigan's supreme mastery of all aspects of 13-a-side rugby is so complete and awe-inspiring that they could turn out with past six defenders. 11 men and still run the legs off most teams.

Short of giving other clubs game against Wigan, it is hard to imagine the men from Central Park losing another match for years.

It had been expected that Saturday's semi-final at Bolton would be one-sided, but nobody expected so complete a massacre that, for Bradford supporters, it eventually became embarrassing as Wigan left behind a string of records.

Wigan's handling was at times so dazzling that it was more like basketball than total set by Huddersfield in

The ball was flung in any and every direction, with Wigan's players secure in the knowledge that a cherry-andwhite jersey would be on the end of it. It was a situation tailor-made for Martin Offiah, who scored a record five semi-final tries, out of Wigan's total of 13. One of them was an Offiah special in the last minute, as he took a pass in his own half and sprinted down the touchline

Bradford tried hard, and their courage could not be questioned, but their heavy forwards were left stranded as the likes of Betts and Clarke

streaked past them.

The Wigan backs, prompted by the audaciously brilliant half backs, Gregory and Edwards, had a field day. Offiah's four other tries were handed to him on a plate as Miles, the big Australian centre, had an outstandingly skilful and penetrative game, and the full back, Lydon, enjoyed the freedom of the park. One of his runs took him from his own 22-metre rugby league, and by half-time they had equalled the line deep into Bradford terri-

Miles finished off the break

Amid this mayhem, the Bradford tries by Shelford and Gill were mere crumbs which dropped from Wigan's overflowing table, and it was good to see the Wigan sup-porters rising to salute Gill, a great favourite and match winner at Central Park and Wembley in the mid-Eighties. At least it gave Gill a pleasant memory of a match that Northern and their grimfaced coach, Peter Fox, will want to expunge from the

Castleford must be quaking at the thought that, if Wigan produce another exhibition like this at Wembley on May 2, the record books are once again in danger of being

played two more games.



Carried away in triumph: Fiona Waters, the cox, is hoisted high by the crew after Cambridge won the 48th women's Boat Race at Henley yesterday (Mike Rosewell writes). Oxford put Cambridge under great pressure and only one-third of a length separated the crews at the finish of the 2,200-metre downstream course.

Cambridge, on the Berkshire station, rated a remarkable 47 strokes per minute off the start and took a lead which they extended to three-quarters of a length at Remenham Club. Oxford spurted at this point and were moving up when a bow-side shipwreck caused them to falter, and Cambridge still held a narrow lead as the crews approach Fawley. Another Oxford push at halfway was wasted when they steered too far towards the Bucks bank and Cambridge kept their form and the

Consolation came for Oxford when their men's lightweights

broke Cambridge's 14-year stranglehold on this particular Boat Race. Oxford led by one length at Remenham and, produc-ing bursts at Upper Thames and the Barrier, extended this lead to two-and-a half lengths, justifying the recall, after 14 years, of Jock Wishart as finishing coach. Easy wins for the Cambridge

women's reserves and lightweights made it the light blues' day. Today, both crews in the men's Boat Race take to the water. Oxford at

9.30am and 4.00pm, and Cambridge at 9.30am and 3.00pm. The Boat Race weigh-in takes place at

midday.

Molesey took the Head of the River title from Leander by six seconds on Saturday. Both crews included seven full Great Britain internationals, but Leander were favourites as they had seven medal winners in the line-up, including the world champions, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent. Results, page 28

## St Helens keep hope alive

faint hope of catching Wigan in the Stones Bitter championship with a 42-12 win over Hull, whose prospects of victory disappeared in the first minute of the second half

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

First division: Casterord 56, Swinton 2: Featherstone 28, Widnes 2: Leeds 0, Watefield 17: St Helens 42, Hull 12. Does not Include: Salford v Warrington.

ST HELENS held on to their when Steve McNamara was points with Wigan, having sent off (Keith Macklin

writes). The St Helens half backs, Bishop and Griffiths, were in outstanding form as the

Featherstone Rovers in creased Bradford Northern's misery with a 28-2 win over Widnes which keeps Northern in danger of relegation. home side moved level on 

The defeat was yet another example of Widnes's decline since their Regal Trophy tri-umph over Leeds. They are also stumbling down the ta-ble in astonishing fashion and were humbled 17-0 at home by Wakefield Trially. In the second division,

Sheffield Eagles, who could have clinched promotion against Rochdale Homets, lost 34-18 as the home side improved its chances of making the play-offs.

Brankey are sure of promotion from the third division, and will almost certainly be joined by Huddersfield, who ran up 82 points without reply against the whipping boys, Nottingham City.

**EQUESTRIANISM** Lemieux improves Olympic chances

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SOME 300 riders from 14 nations converged on Ston Easton Park horse trials near Bath over the weekend, most competing in their second event of the season in the runup to the Badminton horse trials in May.

The Spaniards were out in force, with good dressage scores but still lacking the necessary cross country experience maintained by the British.

Robert Lemieux, now riding under the Canadian banner in his bid to compete in the Olympics, won by nine points with his main hope, Just An Ace, by virtue of the best dressage and secondfastest cross country round.

Sarah Kellard, last week's winner, finished second with Hello Henry, and Mary Thomson, the national champion, was third with her promising King Samuel. Thomson also claimed prizes for the fastest round of the

All head for Kings Somborne in Hampshire next weekend, where an un-precedented 168 runners from 16 nations tackle the big advanced track.

RESULTS: Open Intermediate I: 1, Just An Ace (R Lemisurd, 35pts; 2, Hello Henry A. Ace (R Lemisurd, 35pts; 2, Hello Henry Thomson), 46. Section 2: 1, First Fair Isle II (F Favecus), 46: 2, Celta (B Tiste, NZ), 97; Arolier Coaster I (A Eveny), 35. Section 3: 1, Rattlin Roe (M Duff), 40; 2, Klosh Tic Toc (M Ryan), 45; 3, Straight Point (A Remus), 43.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

## Monarchs toppled by Keen

London Monarchs..... 28 Frankfurt Galaxy ......31 BY RICHARD WETHERELL

WITH the World League of American Football trying to establish itself as a significant sporting entity, any more games like this and there could be cries of "fix". Last week, a field goal forced the Monarchs into overtime; on Saturday, a field goal con-demned them to defeat.

With London trailing 13-0 and little going right, few would have thought they were capable of scoring, let alone running up 28 points without reply. Galaxy de-fended and moved the ball well, and the crowd of 21,799 at Wembley was dis-tinctly nervous. Two long

touchdowns and a scarcely credible 14-13 half-time lead. There was more to come. Frankfurt fumbled, the Monarchs recovered and Stan Gelbaugh capitalised with a touchdown in one play. He then set a World League record with a 98-yard scoring pass to Sean Foster, beating the mark he set in the corresponding game last year. The Monarchs were 15 points ahead and all seemed well. However, Galaxy dared and won. They tried for a twopoint conversion and made it. They had two crucial fourthdown attempts and made them to tie the game. The Monarchs opted to punt on a fourth down. Galaxy eased

Monarch drives ended in with 12 seconds to play. The defending champions KWCASTLE

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have not got all the pieces of the jigsaw in place and are suffering for it. Talent is taking them so far, but the whole is less than the sum of its parts, especially on defense. "We've been able to score points, but we haven't had a consistency that I'd like to see," Ray Willsey, the London head coach, said. It could prove to a long season for him, something even the players are beginning to

SCORERS: Monarchs: Touchdowns: Sargent, J Alexander, Ford, Foster Comversions: P Alexander (4) Frankfurt Galaxy: Touchdowne: Fortune, Bucharun (2). Two-point conversion: Baler. Conversions: Keen (2). Field goals: Keen

OTHER RESULTS: Barcelons Dragons 15, New York-New Jarsey Knights 14 Orlando Thunder 29, Montreal Machine 31

# SNOW REPORTS

AUSTRIA 260 good open cloud lent piste conditions but poor visibility) .... 40 310 good open o (Very good conditions on all pistes) 170 220 good open snow (Dry snow on upper levels; all lifts open) ..... 110 150 good open snow (Excellent skiing over entire area; all lifts open) .... 190 390 good open cloudy (Excellent skiing; 38 lifts and 53 pistes open) .... 120, 290 good open snow (Skiing on fresh dry snow with good cover) La Rosiere . ....... 140 240 good open clear (New snow cover giving excellent skiing) au d'Oex .... 20 80 mixed open cloudy 4 (New snowfall has improved conditions; best on upper slopes) Crans Montana .... 20 185 good open cloudy (Spring show on the lower slopes, dry snow higher up) (New snow cover; very good skiing available) ...... 85 290 good open (Snow cover very good on all slopes) ....... 185 375 good fair snow (Excellent skiing reported, particularly on Mont Fort) UNITED STATES Heaventy Valley ....80 160 good open cloud 4 (Good skiing on machine groomed and packed powder snow) cloud Squaw Valley ..... 130 160 good open clear (All pistes machine-groomed; 25 of 29 lifts open)

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Supplied by Sid Hotline. L and U refer to lower and upper slope:

YACHTING

#### Conner draws first blood over Kanza

San Diego: The upset win by Stars & Stripes over Kanza in the first semi-final race put Dennis Conner's yacht equal with Kanza, the fourth yacht in Bill Koch's America<sup>3</sup> syndicate's programme, in the America's Cup defender trials (Bob Ross writes).

Conner faces two Koch boats in the semi-final and his next race is against the prov-en all-rounder. America<sup>3</sup>, tomorrow. Kanza entered the semi-final credited with two bonus wins based on the points acquired by Koch's previous yachts, Defiant and America3, in the first three rounds, while Stars & Stripes received one win. Koch elected to place America3 in the third slot, with zero wins.

Kanza's entry in the No. 1 slot in race one was based on a forecast of 8- to 13-, possibly 16-knot, winds. They never came, and in the 6- to 8-knot breeze and slight chop, Conner and his veteran team sailed a great tactical race to

win by 2min 28sec. "We don't know how fast Kanza is," Conner said.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

#### Skiing medal prompts classification protest

CONTROVERSY surrounded Matthew Stockford's second medal of the Winter Paralympics. Stockford finished more than three seconds off the lead to win bronze in the LW10 class of the men's downhill yesterday, but within an hour the British delegation had filed a protest over the classifica-tion of the athletes.

According to Zach Freth, the head of the British delegation, Stockford had "morally won the gold", as the two American skiers ahead of him should not have been in the LW10 category. A loophole in the regulations allowed Chad Colley, the gold medal winner, to compete in Stockford's class despite hav-ing more mobility than the British athlete. The rules

mark hangs over the silver medal winner, Mike McDougail While he has been classified LW10 for international competition,

# FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN TIGNES

once on the slopes he appears to have more mobility than the others in his group. The British protest was rejected by the medical committee on the grounds that McDougall had been classified LW10 at the start of the Games, and had been competing in that category in every race so far.

The classification of ath-

letes has long caused con-cern, with different medical procedures used for the winter and summer Games. The British team made their pro-test knowing it was unlikely to be upheld, in order to get the procedures standardised before the next Games. Stockford was philosophical. "I skied the fastest I have all week, so in that respect I. have to be happy," he said. Stockford's brother, Andrew, was caught in an ava-lanche while skiing in Tignes

have now been changed and Colley has been reclassified for future competition. But the biggest question yesterday. He was under the snow, unconscious, for ten minutes. He was taken by helicopter to hospital in Bourg-St-Maurice, where he was being kept for observation.

Going: good 1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Bas De Laine (J Os-borne, 11-2); 2, Ashfold Copee (11-6 fav); 3, Rocco (15-2), 12 rm. NF: Union Castle. West King. Sh hd, 3l. O Sherwood, Tota: 57-20; 21-80, 51-20, 52-00. DF: 95-20. CSF: £12-55. 27.20; E1.80, E1.20, E2.00 pr: 22.05 (2m 4) ch) 1, Hey Cottage (G Mc-Dourt, 33-1); 2, Strong Approach (§3-1); 3, Buck Wilson (7-2), Timyland 6-4 fav, 6 ran. 2, 11. D McCain. Tote: £18.20; £3.90, £5.10. DF: £0.40, £50; £48.76; 23. West (Glow (16-1), 12 ran. Mr.; Stone Hake. ½), nk. M Ppo. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £1.40, £3.40, DF: £7.40 Tho: £31.00, £35. £15.56, After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

\$10.00. Artist is sterrors. Strategy, 1.20. (D. Leshy, 13-2); 2. Arthrin (6-1); 3. Repeat The Dose (11-4 fav); 7 ran, 5h hd, 5l. Mar H. Parrott, Tote: \$2.30; 23.30, 22.50. DF: \$16.50. CSF: 288.45.

216.50. CSF: £38.45.
3.45 (3m ch) 1, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggers, 11-6 fav); 2, Susy Mittens (13-2); 3, Many A Silp (8-4), 7 rkn, Hd, Vá, R Willema, Toise £2.30; £1.60, £2.20, DF; £5.60. CSF: £10.44.
4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Platkey Dove (D Tegg. 7-2)-1av); 2, Chestrill Times (4-1); 3, Peace king (8-1), Kintil 7-2 [1-fav; 8 ren. NF; King Crado, Barge Boy. 2, 15, R Price. Tote: £4.60; £1.50, £1.60, £2.60. DF; £11.00. CSF: £18.97. Tickst: £33.75.
4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Mister Major (R Guest, 15-1); 2, Metal Olessiu (7-1); 3, Zesious Kitten (11-2). Off Piste 3-1 fav. 15 ran. Hd, 8, G Balding, Tote: £18, 10; £4.0; £2.0), £2.20. DF; £35.80. CSF: £11.9 15, Treast: £548.41.

Jackpot: not won (pool of 212,885.90 carried over to Liverpool Thursday). epot: £2,704.00. Southwell

2.15 1. Dizzy (11-10 tav); 2, Swan Welk (5-1); 3, Tempering (6-1). 13 ran, Alaturk (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound 2.45 1, Sharppin (3-1 tav); 2, Dry Gin (25-1); 3, Royal Cracker (10-1). 11 ran, NPL Lamancha Lad 3.15 1, Bormie Dundee (9-2); 2, Over-hereoverthers (14-1); 3, Blue Martie (20-

1), Glenbrook D'Or 10-11 lav. 12 ran. 3.45 1, General Harmony (25-1); 2, Even-lode (25-1); 3, Portonia (5-2 fav). 12 ran. lode (25-1); 3. Portonia (5-2 fav). 12 ran.
4.15 1. Shilisiri Kid (11-1); 2. Pinacone
Peter (11-1); 3, Ragtime (7-2). Savy Mover
3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Star Dats, Always
Alex.
4.45 1. Very Vary Ordinary (9-4); 2. Fiddie A Little (2-1 fav); 3. Whiring Cone (331). 12 ran.
5.15 1. Gymcrak Sovereign (7-2); 2. High
Grade (17-2); 3. Dele Park (3-1) Knave Of
Cubs 11-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: High Finance,
Roses Have Thome.

their way into field-goal

range and Robbie Keen won

the game from 20 yards out

Beverley 2.30 1, Dari Sound (13-2); 2, Hand Painted (11-2 fav); 3, Fit For Life (20-1), 17

Painted (11-2 tay): 3. Fit For Life (20-1). 17 nan.
3.00 1, Toocando (10-1); 2, So So (14-1);
3. Totally Unique (4-5 tay). 8 nan.
3.30 1, Habeta (8-1); 2, Langury Lady (8-1); 3. Golden Chip (20-1). Elegant Touch 5-2 fay. 11 nan. Tusky (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders – rule four applies to 68 bets, deduction 5p in pound.
4.00 1, Misdemeanours Girl (13-2); 2 Drum Sergeant (8-1); 3, Caul Harbour (11-2). Hinter Victee 9-2 fay. 10 nan.

JOHN Carroll broke his right could not have been worse for

"The horse was coming to the end of its tether and just suddenly stumbled as if it had

Milverton Stakes, returns to hospital today for further x-

rays.
The timing of the injury

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Warwick

3.20 1, Mytontaine (25-1); 2, Eastern Megic (20-1); 3, Famous Beauty (20-1); 4, Mutdly Lane (25-1), Tanoda 4-1 fav 19 Maddy Lane (25-1). Tanoda 4-1 (av 19 ran.)
3.50 1, Rushanes (7-1): 2, Hottool Hanneh (50-1), 3, Fangle (9-1). Eager Devs 7-4 fav. 13 ran.
4.25 1, Army Of Stars (6-1), 2, Guif Palace (4-1); 3, Seffeah (4-1), Al Mutahm 5-2 fav. 9 ran.
4.55 1, Waterflowt Creek (2-1 fav.), 2, Juniper Berry (11-4); 3, Edge Of Darkness (5-1) 10 ran.

Carroll breaks collar-bone

coliar-bone when Super Carroll who can usually count Rocky stumbled at the end of the Binton Claiming Stakes at Warwick on Saturday.

put its foot in a hole," the jockey said yesterday.

Carroll, who had earlier partnered Palacegate Episode to take the Old

on a plentiful supply of Jack Berry-trained winners at this stage of the season.

"This is the worst time it could have happened," Carroll added. "Hopefully, I won't be out for more than two weeks.

Berry is not short of under-studies for his stable jockey. "I think I must have had every agent in the country on the phone this morning." he said. We have the situation well

MANDARIN

little unwilling to pass the leader in the closing stages.

She could well start favourite

but is likely to represent poor value and is worth opposing.

Moment Of Truth, spar-

ingly raced on the Flat, is a

smart chaser and he too can-

not be dismissed lightly, but

the greatest danger could be

the consistent Deb's Ball. Al-

though she has top weight.

her three wins last term sug-

gested that she may still have

some improvement to come.

Doncaster win ten days ago by landing the Duck Soup

Handicap. He was always

travelling well when beating Phil-Blake by seven lengths.

here fresh from a win at Don-

caster's opening meeting and

can complete a quick double

in the Go West Sprint Handi-

cap. He holds Never So Sure

- 9lb better off for a four-

and-a-half length beating at

Doncaster - but Lynda

Ramsden's charge could ex-

ters at Newmarket last term.

should take the Animal

oloit any flaw in Amron. Viardot, third to Hill Glit-

Amron is another to come

I Perceive can follow up his

Northants fit to

pick up winning

thread on the Flat

NORTHANTS, successful over hurdles this National

Hunt season, is napped to translate that form to the Flat

in the At The Circus Handi-

not run on the Flat for around

17 months, he was a good-

class handicapper three sea-

sons ago when trained by Susan Piggott. In 1989 he

won a competitive handicap

at Doncaster off a handicap

rating of 84 but here has to run off a mark of only 49.

There is little recent evi-

dence to confirm that the

handicapper has let Nor-

thants in lightly, but there are grounds for siding with the six-year-old. His latest run,

over this course and distance

creditable third to Cabochon, who won at Royal Ascot the

Since then Northants has

developed into a useful handi-

cap hurdler, suggesting that he has retained his

ability. This trip, on a testing

This, though, is a tricky handicap and dangers abound. Bollin Magdalene

was beaten only a short head by Glastondale at Catterick

last week but she looked a

track, should suit him.

following year.

cap at Newcastle today. Although Northants has

## **Docklands Express** given the all-clear

BY MICHAEL SEELY

UNLESS the weather deteriorates dramatically before the weekend, the heavily-backed Docklands Express will take his chance in Samiday's Martell Grand National.

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The winner of Kempton's Racing Post Chase and subsequent Cheltenham Gold Cup third will not therefore be rerouted to Thursday's Martell Chase for which Kings Fountain is a possible runner for the Kim Bailey stable.

Yesterday, the trainer and Compton Hellyer, one of the 10-year-old's owners, drove from Lambourn to Liverpool through driving rain. "We walked the whole of the course and were amazed at what good condition it was

in," said Balley.
"Although it was soft, there were good to soft patches.
Unless there is torrential rain, he definitely runs. Apart from tonight, the forecast for the rest of the week is good." Although Docklands Ex-

press is known to be at his most effective on fast going, the gelding, together with Cool Ground, is one of the best handicapped horses in the National. With only 11st 2lb to carry, last year's firstleniently treated again.

Kings Fountain, who was travelling so well when unseating Anthony Tory at the seventh fence from home in the Gold Cup, has now recovered from the pulled muscles over his quarters sustained during the accident.



with Morley Street

"We are schooling him tomorrow," Bailey went on. "If goes well, we favour the three-mile Martell Cup rather than the two-and-a-half mile Mumm Melling Chase on Friday."

The nine possible opponents for Thursday's race include Arctic Call, Sparkling Flame, Pat's Jester and Mr Entertainer. The race should take less winning than Fri-day's feature for which Remittance Man and Blazing Walker are under orders.

Docklands Express has eased to 10-1 with William Hill. But the proven soft-ground specialists, Cool Ground and Twin Oaks, are top quoted at 6-1 and 8-1 respectively. Other best prices are as follows: 12-1 Brown Windsor, 14-1 Laura's Beau. 16-1 Auntie Dot and Party

At Whitcombe, Cool Ground, the favourite, looked in impressive shape on Saturday.

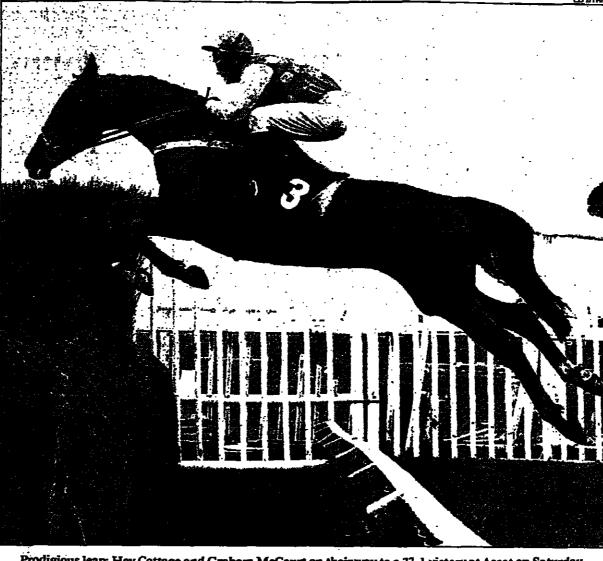
Parmered by Adrian Ma-guire, the Gold Cup winner worked seven furiongs with Romany King, also an in-tended National runner, and Belmount Captain. "The horse is on a tremendous high and we're very hopeful," Toby Balding said.
Also on view at Peter Bol-

ton's impressive training complex was Morley Street, who quickened away impres-sively from some interior stable companions.

Yesterday, Balding con-firmed that Richard Dunwoody will replace Jimmy Frost on the 1991 champion hurdler, who disappointed when only fifth behind Royal Gait in this month's running of the race. Michael Jackson, Morley Street's owner, considers that

Frost overdid the waiting tac-tics at Cheltenham. "Frosty would say that the horse wasn't at his peak and wasn't firing," commented Balding, diplomatically, "but these things have happened in rac-ing before and I'm afraid they will happen again."

☐ Folkestone, scheduled for today, has been cancelled



Prodigious leap: Hey Cottage and Graham McCourt on their way to a 33-1 victory at Ascot on Saturday

## Morris believes Rawhide is the leading Irish hope

By Christopher Goulding Swan, and will ride at Liver-

The eight-year-old lacks ex-

perience of the National fences but Morris has made

sure that he knows what to

expect. "I built a National-

type fence at home, which I

have popped him over," said the former jockey.

"I would have no qualms about riding him myself, de-spite his lack of size. He's a horse that could just take to the race. We certainly could

the race. We certainly could

Morris's recent bad hick

was in evidence again at As-cot on Saturday when Trap-

per John would have won the

Letheby & Christopher Long

Distance Hurdle in another

few strides. Victory went to Peter Scudamore on Pra-

Scudamore has yet to

finalise his National ride. The champion jockey is ex-

pected to choose one of the

three Martin Pipe-trained

runners — Omerta, Bonanza

Graham McCourt sealed

do with a change of luck."

LAURA'S Bean was backed from 20-1 to 12-1 for Saturday's Martell Grand National with Hills yesterday but Michael Morris believes punters have latched on to the wrong Irish-trained

"My horse Rawhide has always been better than Laura's Beau," the Co Fethard trainer said. "At his current price of 50-1, he certainly looks the value."

At Cheltenham last year, Morris's little chestnut finished fourth, 125 lengths in front of Laura's Beau, in the Sun Alliance Chase won by Rolling Ball.

This season, Rawhide came over for the Hennessy. Cognac Gold at Newbury but was pulled up, due to a bro-ken blood vessel. However, Morris is confident that his borse is back to his best.

"I was well pleased with his recent second at Fairyhouse where Kevin O'Brien rode," Morris added. "Kevin my stable jockey, Charlie his National partnership with the Ginger McCain-trained Hotplate after landing a gamble on Hey Cottage for McCain in the Golden Eagle Novices' Chase.

Hey Cottage, backed from 100-1 in the morning to 33l, was to have been ridden by Graham Bradley but McCain persuaded McCourt to switch from the seemingly better fancied 9-4 chance,

Rough Quest.

Hey Cottage, an Aintree hope for next season, gave McCain his first Ascot success in 40 years' training. Nicky Henderson, who can

usually be relied upon to plunder the Ascot prizes, had to endure a miserable after-Thumps Up was a fair fifth in the opener behind Bas De Laine, but Tinryland, the fa-

vourite, was pulled up be-hind Hey Cottage; Rustle was soon tailed off behind Pragada and the final blow came when Off Piste, favour-

## **Sunny Mount helps Saunders** land one-two at the Grafton

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

THE Caroline Saunders stable provided the first two horses home in division one of The Times Championship qualifier at the Grafton pointto-point on Saturday.

Fedneyhill, with sister-inlaw Tick Saunders aboard, led from the fourteenth fence until going to the last, but here Johnnie Greenall took over on Sunny Mount and went on to win by six lengths.

Over the last mile in the second division, many thought Ian McKie had chosen wrongly by deciding to ride The Malakarma rather than Sprucefield as Nigel Ridout, on the reject, continually repelled his challenge.

McKie, however, was proved right as, after being led into the last, The Malakarma got the better of Sprucefield by a length.

TRAINERS

Larry The Lamb blundered his chance away at the eleventh but his rider, Jim Tarry, had a most satisfactory afternoon otherwise, winning on Fine Lace (confined), Grecian Saint (maiden, division one) and True Bloom in the open. Final Spring and Julian Pritchard won The Times qualifier at the Clifton-on-

mond) would suggest. Fox Grove came from a long way back for Tim Richards to occupy third place, half-a-length behind.

Teme, more easily than the

two-length margin over

Guild Street (Mike Ham-

There was a double defeat at this well-organised meeting for Alison Dare. On Hazeleel's Delight in the ladies she tried to make all, but succumbed by half-a-length

in the last few strides to Jane

CM: 14 POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS

Fellows on Pikeman, while long-time leader, Risk Another, faded in the BMW confined won by Lee Sanders on Well Delayed.

Nick Bannister's task on Jack Dwyer in division one of The Times race at the Cheshire was made easier after many of the fancied runners came to grief. These included the favourite, Equity Player, on whom Robert Collis was deputising for Alistair Crow, still out of action after being kicked at Eaton Hall a fort-

night ago.
Wally Wrekin, going well in the lead in the second division, slipped up on the bend after one circuit. Bodfari, always handy, was the eventual winner, under Rob Jones, followed home by The Artful Rascal (William Barlow) and Ashphaltilly (Chris Stockton).

#### MANDARIN THUNDERER. RICHARD EVANS 2.30 Saddlehome. 2.30 Saddlehome. 2.30 TAUFAN BLU 3.00 Amron. 3.30 NORTHANTS 3.00 Never So Sure. (nap). 3.00 Never So Sure. 3.30 Broctune Grey. 4.00 Feeling Foolish. 4.30 VIARDOT (nap). (nap). 4.00 Silver Samurai, 4.30 Viardot. 5.00 I Perceive. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 BOLLIN MAGDALENE. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Sure To Win. 4.30 VIARDOT (nap). 5.00 Count Barachois. GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.30 MONKEY BUSINESS MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,072: 6f) (4 runners). BETTING: 6-4 Taufan Blu, 7-4 Saddiehome, 7-2 Vive Le Roi, 6-1 Sally Tadpole. 1991: TBAB 9-0 M Roberts (2-1 fav) C Brittein 8 ran **FORM FOCUS** SADDLEHOME, run weil in good company last see-son, 3rd beaten 11 by Artistic Reaf (levels) at Wolver-hampion (5f., good). SALLY TADPOLE 2nd beaten 5i by Nifty Pifty (gave 3.00 GO WEST SPRINT HANDICAP (£2,820: 5f) (6 runners) BETTING: 7-4 Never So Sure, 5-2 Amron, 9-2 Mecrobian, 8-1 Sigama, 8-1 Real Stunner, 10-1 Brisse, 1991; TOO EAGER 5-8-6 K Darley (100-30 fav) M W Easterby 11 ran FORM FOCUS MACROBIAN 2nd besten 2½1 by Notley (gave Sib) at Goodwood (6i, Stewards Cup, good to limi); santer best NEVER 90 SURE (rac Bib) 5i with REAL, STUNNER (rac 12b) 11th of 13 at Doncaster (8). STUNNER (rac 12b) 11th of 13 at Doncaster (8). SIGAMA test recent form when best Sid Captain (rec 8tb) 21 at Lingfield (5i, good to firm). AMRON best Pankin (gave 23tb) with NEVER 90 SURE 3.30 AT THE CIRCUS HANDICAP (£2,469: 2m 19yd) (14 runners)

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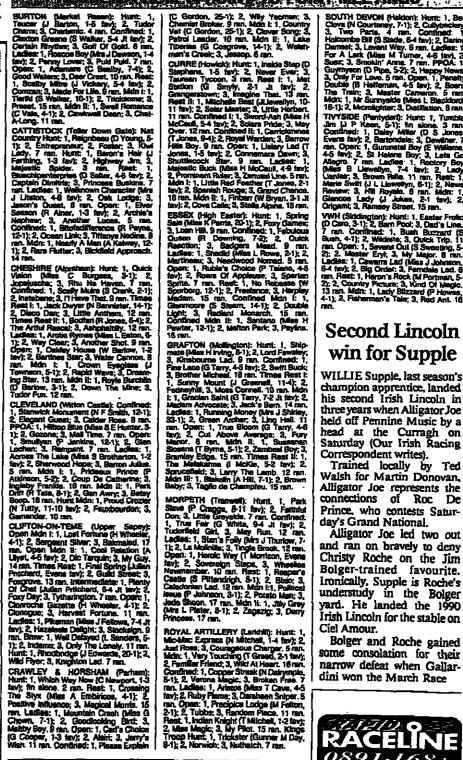
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Alligator Joe represents the connections of Roc De Prince, who contests Saturday's Grand National. Alligator Joe led two out and ran on bravely to deny Christy Roche on the Jim Bolger-trained favourite. Ironically, Supple is Roche's understudy in the Bolger yard. He landed the 1990 Irish Lincoln for the stable on Ciel Amour. Bolger and Roche gained some consolation for their narrow defeat when Gallardini won the March Race COLUMN TENTRAL PROPERTY OF THE 143 770 43 0 22.37 105 105 89 7 -173.21 95 59 44 10 27.87 83 64 42 4 75.91 73 90 38 3 27.90 67 67 45 8 81.95 58 42 47 5 85.55 55 37 34 8 -92.73 43 36 36 13 85.82 43 36 17 9 -76.85

Manchester United and Leeds United are forced to settle for goalless draws in the chase for the League title

## Robson's role remains critical

Queen's Park Rangers . 0 Manchester United ...... 0

By STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

SUCH is the present form of Queen's Park Rangers, by far the most improved side in the first division, any visitor leaving their home with a point is mightily relieved. Manchester United, once they had learned of the improbable result at Elland Road, departed as though in triumph on

The gap between them and Leeds United should, logically, have been increased to four or even five points. Instead, it remains bridgeable and United could gain a huge physcological advantage as well as the leadership tomorrow night when they com-plete one of their games in hand at Norwich City.

Rarely can a pair of goalless draws have been so significant and, if they prove ultimately to be decisive. Bryan Robson will be seen to have played a characteristically leading role. His defensive perception was valuable throughout at Loftus Road, especially during United's early and potentially ominous

Although Robson's quali-ties are no longer considered essential for England — a decision taken prematurely by Graham Taylor and one that he may regret in June they promise to carry United all the way to the title. At the age of 35, it is probably his last chance to do so.

Nothing, including injury, will hinder him. A victim of a calf strain, he was not supposed to be available for one of United's hardest outstanding fixtures. "As soon as he passed himself fit," Alex Ferguson, his manager, said, "I couldn't keep him out of the

Inevitably, Robson is showing signs of wear and tear. His legs are occasionally incapable of obeying messages from his brain and he is inclined to lunge either at the trailing limb of his target, to



Ground control: McClair, of Manchester United, shows clever horizontal skill at Loftus Road on Saturday

the displeasure of opposing supporters, or at the turf that has already been vacated.

Nevertheless, he still represents a formidable mobile barracade in front of a back four that was, initially, contrastingly penetrable. Robson covered all the errors, committed principally by Pallister, another to defy an ailment. "How he got through to the end was a miracle," Ferguson said.

Rangers, looking as though they might repeat their startling 4-1 victory at Old Trafford on New Year's day,

were restricted to Impey striking an upright before United belatedly uncovered their own attacking intentions.

They, and particularly Giggs, never carried out the threats, though, and it was their opponents who finished the stronger.

Robson, by then weakening after an absence of a couple of games, dropped back as a protective measure. In doing so, ironically, he might have conceded a penalty when he apparently held Ferdinand back from a menacing cross. Perversely, the free kick was instead awarded in favour of United.

The tug was perhaps an act of desperation and Gerry Francis, the manager of a Rangers side that has soared from 21st place to ninth in four months, sympathises. The captain of the long-time leaders of the first division 16 years ago appreciates the power of Robson's present emotions.

"I know how desperate he is to win it," Francis said. "There isn't much to choose between them and Leeds. I think it will go to the wire

and, the longer it goes on, the more it will come down to which ones keep their nerve."

Robson's is forged of steel but he is not certain to be fully fit for the visit to Carrow Road. Nor are Phelan and Pallister but Ince and Blackmore have served their suspensions and Parker has not yet been ruled out. QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: J.S

Burdisky, C Wilson, A Impey, II Psecock, A McDonald, R Wilsons, I Hollowey, L Ferdinand, B Allen, A Sinton MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichet, M Donaghy, D Irwin, S Bruce, M Phelan, G Pallister, B Robson, A Kanchelakis (sub: L Sharpe), B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs. Referee: J Martin.

## Chapman's miss could be costly in final analysis

goals as he does, you are

going to miss some chances."

point would possibly have

precipitated a victory of gen-erous proportions for, while

West Ham had attacked with

speed and conviction on the

break, the "floodgates" theory had been prevalent all

It took Leeds more than 30

minutes to recover from Chapman's indiscretion but.

by the time they had brought to bear their superior tech-

nique and greater vision. West Ham were defending

On the three occasions Leeds did threaten to claim a

decisive goal, Miklosko re-sponded superbly, turning aside, with great athleticism, the efforts of Cantona, New-

West Ham are fighting

for their lives at the bottom

of the table and you wonder

why that is after a perfor-mance like that," Wilkinson said. "It is true that results

do take on a special signifi-cance at this time of the sea-

son but nothing has changed

dramatically at the top of the table and I am pleased with

However, with just six

games left to play and with the destiny of the title likely to be decided not by skill but

by basic mistakes, Leeds may

ultimately rue Chapman's

horrendous lapse in con-

Meanwhile, Mel Sterland, the England international

full back, will take no further

part in the pursuit of the League championship due to an ankle injury. He will go into hospital tomorrow for

corrective surgery on

severely damaged ligaments.

LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic, E Cantona, A Dorigo, D Batty, C Fairclough, J Newsoma, G Strachen, R Walesce (satts 5 Hodge), L Chapman, G McAlleiter, G Speed, WEST HAM UNITED: L Middelor, K

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A goal for Leeds at that

Leeds United. West Ham United..

BY IAN ROSS

AT THE end of a week in which his continued absence from the England international squad had prompted much debate, Lee Chapman chose a most inopportune moment to embellish his reputation as a footballing

enigma.
The remarkable rise from obscurity to prominence of Leeds United over the past three seasons has been due, in no small part, to Chapman's consistency 25 a goalscorer, but it is his occa-sional shortcomings that have so lessened his appeal to successive national

On Saturday, his failure to convert the simplest of chances may well cost his

club the League title.

A game of predictable intensity had reached its twentieth minute when Leeds fashioned the one move that would have convinced any unbiased observer that the two teams were indeed separated by the length of the first division table.

Cantona's magnificent reverse pass was so eleverly disguised that the West Ham United defence was still in the process of attempting to implement a rudimentary offside trap as Batty scam-pered away down the right

Although Batty's route to goal was unimpeded, he sen-sibly declined to shoot before sweeping the ball across the face of goal into the path of Chapman who, with perfect timing, had arrived at the far

Driving the most precise of passes wide of the target seemed to be almost imposbut Chapman

succeeded.

"At least he was there.
Some players didn't miss at all today," Howard Wilkin-

Deane makes most of mistake

on to

brate

Sheffield United .....2 son, the Leeds manager, said Liverpool ...... 0 wryly. "If you score as many

BY PETER BALL

RONNIE Whelan arrived at Bramall Lane on Saturday for his first full League game since August proclaiming his belief that Liverpool could still win the championship. They then proceeded to show why they will not, going home empty-handed from a game they dominated for long periods because Bruce Grobbelaar had one of his rushes of blood.

For the first 43 minutes. Liverpool had looked in a different league to Sheffield United. In the 44th. Grobbelaar raced 40 yards to beat Davison to Cork's flick. Typically, he then wanted a touch too many to embellish the moment and ran into Deane, whose firm challenge dispossessed the goalkeeper. From that moment, the goal owed less to Barnum and Bailey than to superb skill. Deane looking up and chipping the ball over Nicol and under the bar from a spot ten yards in from the touchline and fully 40 yards from goal.

Deane did almost as well for Sheffield's second as he accepted Barnes's fine angled through-ball to shrug off Burrows and sidestep Grobbe-laar. The skill was lost on Souness, whose reaction suggested that Grobbelaar may have pressed the self-destruct button once too often.

To rub the point home, at the other end of the field there was a goalkeeper rescued from West Bromwich Albion reserves for £25,000 on Thursday who was revelling in his unexpected day in the spotlight. From the opening minute, when he spread himself to deny Houghton as the Irish international raced clear, Rees was unbeatable in his first first-team game for 12 months. Where had he been hiding himself?

"I bought him as a 20-yearold for Watford and I had enough belief in him to drop Tony Coton for him four or five games before I left," Dave Bassett said. "Obviously something's gone wrong for him, he hasn't had the career he should have had. He comes from the dustbin-lid end of Cardiff and, when you come from there, having to face Liverpool is the last thing you worry about. I knew he wouldn't bottle it.'

SHEFFIELD UNITED: M Rees; K Gage SHEFFIELD UNITED: M Rees; K Gage, D Bernes, J Gannon, J Gayle, P Beesley, R Davison (autr. I Bryson), P Rogers, A Cork, B Desne (sutr. M Ward), D Whitshouse. LIVERPOOL: B Grobbleair: R Jones, D Bustrowa, S Nicol, R Wheten, B Verrison, S McMantaman, R Houghton, I Rush, J Malby, M Thomas (autr. R Resenthes). Referee; A Wilkie.

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#### Tottenham given fine

Geneva: Tottenham Hotspur and Fevenoord were both fined by Uefa, the governing body of European football, after crowd disturbances during their European Cup Win-ners' Cup quarter-final first-leg tie in The Netherlands earlier this month. Tottenham were fined £5,000 after Feyenoord flag and the Dutch club was fined £7,000 because its supporters let off fireworks and threw objects on to the pitch during the

were fined a total of £15,500 for firework offences in both their Uefa Cup games against BK 1903 Copenhagen this month, because objects were thrown on to the pitch, and for bad team behaviour in the first match. BK 1903 were also fined £2,000 for firework offences in the opening leg. plete the signing of Trevor Berry, aged 17, from Bournemouth for £50,000. Berry, a former England youth international, has been unable to win a first-team place with the third division dub.

#### Arsenal left regretting earlier stumbles By PETER BALL

BEFORE Saturday's games. a BBC commentator volun-teered the view that this was the weakest first division in memory, adducing the failure of other teams to mount a serious challenge for the two leaders. Soon enough his point was made, only Arsenal of the top six managing to

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ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Old Cholmelelans 2, Old Brent-woods 1; Lancing Old Boys 1, Old Etonions 2.

Yesterday

Plough Lane and Arsenal were two up after only seven minutes against Wimbledon, young Parlour scoring in the first minute and Wright soon following suit. Although Earle pulled one back, Campbell confirmed a convincing victory. How the champions

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, may regret his verbal attack on a linesman after suspicions of offside for the first two Arsenal goals. less intimidating than to Kinnear is already appealing

against an £1,800 FA fine after a previous skirmish with a linesman this season.

The result took Arsenal to fifth as Manchester City's run without a goal extended to four matches. Perhaps both of Clive Allen's former clubs this season were missing him, score either. But they were grateful for a point at Maine Road, after their recent setbacks. Beasant made fine saves from White, Sheron and Brennan. Sheffield Wednesday's de-

fence had another of its porous days at Oldham, where scoring goals in the League began to prove an almost impossible task. the Yorkshire club went down 3-0 to to slip to nine points behind Leeds United, but with a game in hand. On paper that is not an insuper-able obstacle, but the performance suggested otherwise.

Royle described as their most professional of the season. Before Christmas, Aston Villa briefly suggested that they might mount a chall-

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

Sharp, Jobson and Adams

scoring in a performance Joe

Saturday brought some relief. Steve Staunton scoring

their first goal in six League matches in only their third this year, 11 minutes from them victory over Norwich City, whose thoughts may have been elsewhere. They play Manchester United at Carrow Road tomorrow and have an FA Cup semi-final with Sunderland on Sunday.

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HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey 0, Irthinoborough D 0, Brackley 2, Eynesbury 3; Cogenhoe 6, Stottoid 0; Deventry 4, Speaking 2; Deuborough D, Long Buckby 3; Kampeton 3, Boston 2; Mirrises Biscissions 2, Harrise 5 and L 1; Northempton Spentoer 0, Potton 0; APV Peterborough 1, Reunds 2; Wellingborough 0, Stamford 2; Wooton 4, Holbasch 0.

Second division

and Carter kept them in touch with Bamber in the fourth division, while Duncan Shearer ecored for his new cuto, Blackburn, and Lineker moved his tally to 26. Eight bookings for Lincoln moved them up the Foul Play chart together with Milwall, who picked up a booking and a diamissal. Second division Lge FA LC Oth Tot Secure (Meson (ga )

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FOUL PLAY

## Kelly gives Newcastle a reason to celebrate

Newcastle United..... Sunderland...

SUNDERLAND could yet win the FA Cup and be relegated to the third division this spring and the chances of them achieving such a dubious double increased with yesterday's defeat at St James Park.

A pale shadow of the side that eliminated West Ham United and Chelsea from the Cup. Sunderland failed to force Tommy Wright, the Newcastle goalkeeper, into a single save. If they play as ineptly in the semi-final at Hillsborough, Norwich City will not be able to believe their

Yet Sunderland are such an inconsistent team that it is quite possible that they will back to their best next Sunday. Interrogated about this split personality, Malcolm Crosby, their caretaker manager, stared at the floor and said: "You'll have to ask the lads about that. We've looked very good in the Cup and far from brilliant in the League. We've got a problem and I am very concerned. Staying up is far more important than

beating Norwich."
Defeating Sunderland probably represents Kevin Keegan's most important achievement since returning truth, though, Newcastle were not very impressive ei-ther and Keegan had David Kelly's tenth goal in 19 ap-pearances since joining

Newcastle from Leicester City to thank for this victory.

It arrived in the 34th minute, when Brock's corner was helped on by Sheedy before being met by Kelly's deci-sive stooping header. The irony that the forward was on the point of signing for Sun-derland before being hijacked by Newcastle at the eleventh hour earlier this season was not lost on the visiting supp-

Yet they should have been more upset with Sunderland's static marking at that corner when Hardyman, sup-posedly guarding the near post, should cut out the danger. With the positioning and handling of Carter in goal looking constantly suspect. the only surprise was that Newcastle did not extend their advantage. But for the crossbar denying Watson and Rogan cleaning off the line from Quinn, they would have

The closest Sunderland, who seemed to have forgotten how to tackle, came to a goal was when Byrne, by far their best player, saw his effort scooped from the line by

Part of the credit for Sun derland's frustration should go to Scott's central defensive partner, Kilcline, who defended with impressive resolve - in marked contrast to his counterparts in red and white stripes.

Watton, N Streen, L O'Brien, B Kilcitre, K Soutt, M Catinn, G Peacock, D Kally, K Sheety, K Brack, K Brack, K Brack, K Brack, K Brack, K Batter, J Ray, A Rogan, K Ball, P Hardyman, D Rush, P Bracowell, P Devemport (sub: B Mooney), G Armstrong, J Bytme, B Attinson.
Referee: I Hendrick.

### Blackburn faltering

Their 2-1 defeat at the hands of the improving Barnsley on Saturday saw Kenny Dalglish's side slip behind Ipswich Town in the second division and they could quite conceivably be pipped for automatic promotion by Middlesbrough or Cambridge United.

To make matters worse, Ray Harford, Dalglish's assistant, will be reported to the FA after appearing to trade blows with Mel Machin, the Barnslev manager, at the fi-

A FEW weeks ago Blackburn
Rovers' participation in the
Premier League next season
looked certain. But not any
more (Louise Taylor writes).

The control of the stightly consoled by the fact that Shearer, his transfer deadline signing from Swindom, scored on his debut.

Like Blackburn, Derby County have also spent heavily but they too lost, going down 2-1 at Ipswich where Dozzell got both goals for the home side. Cambridge had an 89th-

minute goal from Heathcote to thank for a point at Brighton, while another player to score a minute from time was Dziekanowski, the Polish international, who salvaged a point for Bristol City in their important relegation meeting with Oxford United.



Best foot forward: Durie, of Tottenham, in shoulder-to-shoulder chase with Atherton, of Coventry

## Durie rediscovers goal touch

Tottenham Hotspur..... Coventry City ... BY CLIVE WHITE

AFTER Gordon Durie's impressive demonstration of his goalscoring potential on Saturday, his Tottenham colleagues ought to be prepared to play in kilts if it means making the Scot less home-sick. Their first division future could depend upon his contented frame of mind.

Thanks to Durie's first English league treble, Tottenham were able to stop the rot of 15 games without a win and ease their relegation worries. The goals, Durie's first in the League in exactly six months, will have come as a tremendous relief to the player and the team as a whole. The Scottish international has not exactly given value for

money since his £2.2 million

transfer from Chelsea last August despite a bright start. So, when he recently expressed a desire to return north of the border, he was reminded by Terry Venables, the Tottenham chief executive, of his responsibilities in a crucial time for the club. His success on Saturday was a vindication of the faith shown in him

by Peter Shreeves, the

It was, perhaps, significant that this was the first time since late November that Durie and Lineker have played together as out-andout forwards. Earlier in the son, they had scored 27 goals between them. Lineker believed that his partner's un-rest off the field may have been caused by his problems on it, rather than vice-versa. Whatever the reason, the pair of them were sufficiently back in harmony to suggest that they might carry Tottenham to safety despite the kamikaze antics of their defence. A miskick into the net in

the sixth minute was a sure indication that Durie's luck was changing. His pace and power, allied to Lineker's unselfish support play, threatened to overrun Coventry in the first half, as well it needed to as Tottenham's defence looked none the tighter for the introduction of Cundy. Judgment on Durie's former Chelsea colleague must be reserved but Shreeves seemed pleased enough with the stur-

Tonenham's early advanafter some typically lax defending at a corner, which let in Flynn but when Lineker, with a header, and Durie, from close range, extended that advantage, as Tottenham deserved to after twice hitting the crossbar, we as-

sumed that that was that. We

should have known Tottenham's defence better.

Tottenham, so used to capitulating at home, encouraged Coventry to believe that they might do so again when Furlong rode three tackles to put Smith in to score. Boldly, Coventry pushed forward for the equaliser, only for Durie's speed and lethal left foot to undo them again, though quite how Heald, deputising for Ogrizovic, allowed him to do from such a fine angle was

The game ended as it had begun when a mishit volley by McGrath deceived time.

## Leaders share the spoils in a German treat

By PETER ROBINSON

THE Bundesliga bounced back on Saturday. After a season in which German domestic football has been stripped of so many of its best players, when Italy, Spain and even France have overshadowed what was once Europe's strongest league, Borussia Dortmund and Eintracht Frankfurt restored much of the competition's.

and the country's, pride.
Their meeting in Dort-mund's Westfalen stadium had long been earmarked as a potential turning point in the championship, and if nothing was resolved, the 2-2 draw still lived up to every expectation. Neither expectation. Neither Borussia, the league leaders, nor Eintracht, a point behind in second place, fell prey to the pressure that so often ruins such top-of-the-table fixtures and the outcome of a superb game was welcomed by just about everybody.

We wanted to win today and did all we could, but this Frankfurt team is strong and I am happy with a draw," the Borussia coach. Ottmar Hitzfeld, said. "Football won today. It was open and fair. I'm delighted with the result," was the reply — indeed, almost the echo — from his opposite number at Eiotracht, Dragoslav Stepa-

Eintracht made the ideal start, Yeboah finding the top corner with a 25-yard drive after just three minutes. Sevwere back on level terms through Zorc and six minutes into the second half they took the lead courtesy of Poschner. Falkenmayer

earned the visitors a point.

VfB Stutteart had every reason to celebrate as well. They took the opportunity to move level with Eintracht on points by beating Hamburger SV 3-2 - and VIB travel to Frankfurt for another fas-

cinating fixture next week.

In Italy, nobody doubts that AC Milan are to be the next wearers of the Scudetto. the champions' insignia. They drew I-1 at AS Roma yesterday and retained their four-point lead over Juventus, who snatched a 1-1 thanks to Schillaci's last-minute equaliser. The headlines, though, concentrated on the meeting of Inter-nazionale and Torino, which somehow ended goalless even after both goalkeepers were sent off — first Marcheggiani, of Torino. after 40 minutes and then. after 70, Abate, of Inter.

Torino's Uefa Cup oppo-nents on Wednesday night, Real Madrid, were once the runaway leaders in Spain. but Barcelona had, before the weekend, climbed back to trail on goal difference alone However, their shaky 0-0 draw at Osasuna gave Real the chance to pull a point clear again, which they did with a stylish 3-1 defeat of Albacete.

#### RESULTS AND TABLES

FRENCH LEAGUE: Friday: Lane 0, AS Monaco 1 (Diorhaefi 64). Saturday: Auxarre 1 (Floche 76), Montpeller 0; Cann 3 (Feille 14, 28, Gravelaine 66), Litle 3 (Brisson 42, Nielsen 47, Assadourism 50; Matz 0, Rennes 0; Nurites 0, Nancy 0; Nithes 0, Paris Satht-Garmain 1 (Bravo 48); Marsallies 2 (Waddle 7, Papil 68), Le Havro 0; St Edianne 2 (Flacon 24, Mandy 69). Cannes 0; Sochaux 2 (Fran 8, Mandy 69). Cannes 0; Sochaux 2 (Fran 8,

GERMAN LEAGUE: First division: Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Lupascu 25, Krae 84 pen), Vft. Bochum it: Karismine SC 1 (Carl 1), Schalte 04 0; Bayern Munich 1 (Mazimbo 2), Navemberg 3 (Wilck 18, Zarate 42 pen, 89); Borussia Dortmund 2. Zara 10, Pacches 51). Fintrache Emake Buttgert 3 (Wahar 13 pen, 58, Gaudino KC; Hemburg 2 (Eck. 19, 85); Borussia Kenchangiadbach 1 (Criens 34 pen), Islaeralautern C; Hensa Rostock 2

DUTCH LEAGUE: De Grantschap Dosntichem B, SVV/Dordrecht '80 0: MVV Masschicht 1 (Lanckoln' 5), Willem I IBburg 1 (Sylis B3); Fortuna Sittant G, JC Roda Kertrade 1 (Opechaleu 45). Leading positions: 1, PSV Endrovan, played 28, 47pts; 2, Ako. 28, 43; 3.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Anderlecht 7, Waregam 3; Royal Antwerp 2, RSC Charleroi 1; Ghent 1, Mechelen 1; Standard Lidge 0, Cercle Bruges 0; Lerse 5, Germinal Eleren 1; FC Bruges 3, Lokeren 1, Leading positions: 1, Anderlecht 420ts; 2, FC Bruges, 40; 3, Standard Lidge, 38.

I, Olympiakos, 38. ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Elec ROMANIAN LEAGUE: DESTROPATION 1; CHONA 1; CHONA

Antarragucu D; Bokupor O; Konyespa Altay 3, Aydinepor 1; Adena Denirapi Gelatassany 2; Serneumspor 1; Gaz tepspor D; Genclerbritgi 2; Burasepy Irabzonspor 3, Fenerbuhoe 2; Serty Baldritoyapor 0. Leading positions Bealittas, played 23, 57pts; Fenerbehoe, 53; 3, Trabzonspor, 51.

## Brentford slip up as Bournemouth battle back

Brentford. Bournemouth

By Keith Blackmore

BOURNEMOUTH recovered from being two goals down in the second half at Griffin Park yesterday, preserving their hopes of a place in the third division play-offs and dealing another blow to the loftier ambitions of their

The result moves Brentford into fourth place and ended a sequence of four defeats but that was no consolation to

**A** 

Gardner's

bad break

Wayne Gardner, of Australia,

broke a leg in a crash as

Michael Doohan, his Austra-

lian team-mate, won the Jap-

anese 500cc race that opened

the grand prix motorcycling

Gardner, the 1987 world

champion, fell twice on a

track made slippery by heavy

Snooker: Allison Fisher beat

in Crawley to record her first

win in the Forte Matchroom

Yachting: Kevin Mahaney

and his American crew won

the match-racing sector of the

Soling world championship

Judo: Yuri Vitovtov. aged 33.

a competitor from the Com-

monwealth of Independent

States, collansed in an enilen-

tic fit and died after his team

won an international trophy in Barcelona on Saturday.

Competitor dies

Neal Foulds, the world No. 6,

Fisher's victim

Mahaney's win

League.

vesterday.

We drew but it feels like we lost," he said. "If you want to get promotion, you've got to win your home games, especially when you get 2-0 ahead in the second half." For 50 minutes, his team

had given him no cause for complaint. Kruszynski, a strapping midfield player acquired midweek from Wim-bledon, made an excellent start, combining well with Ratcliffe, who had an outstanding match. Holdsworth, Blissett and Ratcliffe all had chances before the 38th minute when Brentford at last went ahead. Bond miskicked Smillie's low cross and, in the confusion that followed, the ball fell to Godfrey, whose low shot from 15 yards proved unstoppable.

Brentford were quicker with their second goal. Three minutes into the second half, Smillie's corner reached Blissett, who scored at the far post. From this powerful pos-ition, Brentford should have cruised in. Instead, they went to pieces. Cooke, who had replaced Rowland at the interval, began to make headway for Bournemouth on the right and Bartram's long

kicks were causing panic in the Brentford defence. Bournemouth pulled a goal back when Holmes scored with a curling shot from 20

yards, then light drizzle turned into a downpour and the game slithered away from Brentford. Ekoku headed wide from a good position then dashed through the puddles only to be thwarted by a desperate lunge from Ma-nuel. Ekoku and Quinn were booked for pleading the case of a penalty to the referee.

But Ekoku had the last word. With four minutes left, Bartram launched another

huge kick, Smillie tried to head the ball back to Benstead and Ekoku diverted the ball into the empty goal.

Stoke City still lead the division despite losing to Torquay United. Stockport County are second, having beaten Ful-ham on Friday. Burnley strengthened their position at the top of the fourth division, beating Maidstone United.

BRENTFORD: G Bensiesct, B Statham, J Betes, D Kruszynski, T Evens, S Restellfe, K Godfrey, W Manual (sub: M Gayle), D Holdsworth, G Bleest, N Somilie, BOURNEMOUTH: V Bertrarr K Bond, K Rowlend (sub: R Cooley), M Moris, P Morrel, M Holmes, S O'Driscoll, P Wood, J Culan, J Case, E Bloku. Reference G Pooley.



Blissett: second goal

#### **HOCKEY**

## Surrey depose champions

THE four-year reign of Middlesex in the county championship came to an end yesterday at Lincoln with Surrey winning pool four to secure a place in the quarterfinals on April 11.

The competition at Lincoln went Surrey's way on Satur-day when they defeated Middlesex 4-2 with Knapp scoring all four goals. Later, Middlesex beat Lincolnshire 4-3, despite Freeman, of

quarter-finals. Buckingham-Lincolnshire. Middlesex overcame Nottinghamshire's challenge, winning 6-5. In yesterday's games, Surrey tightened their grip with a 2-1 win over Derby-

drawn 1-1 Nottinghamshire. In pool eight at Reading, Buckinghamshire suppressed the challenge of Es-Southgate, scoring twice for sex to secure a place in the

shire and then lost 4-2 to

Lincolnshire, which made no

difference as Middlesex had

## Blueharts cause upset

SLOUGH remained on day's biggest upset when a course to complete a women's league and cup double when they crushed Ealing 5-1 in the sixth round of the AEWHA Cup yesterday (a Special Correspondent

However, it was the tiny Herifordshire club, Bluenaris, which caused the

goal scored in each half beat Bradford, of the second division, 2-0 to earn a place in the semi-finals. They will join Hightown, Sutton Coldfield and Slough - all from the first division - in the last four at Milton Keynes on April 10.

shire staked their claims on Saturday, beating Essex 2-1, after taking a 2-0 lead through Bambury and Prior, to which Barker replied from a penalty stroke. John Shaw, the Great Brit-

ain international, inspired Buckinghamshire's 2-0 wire yesterday over Worcestershire. He scored the second goal from a penalty stroke after Day had opened from a short corner. Essex kept their hopes alive

by defeating Gloucestershire, 3-2, but Buckinghamshire. needing only a draw in their final game, beat Berkshire 3-2. Shaw, from a penalty stroke, Bambury and Maskery, both from short corners, scored for the winners. Both Berkshire's goals were scored from short corners by Wood.

Other qualifiers were Somerset, Kent, Lancashire, Durham, the Royal Air Force and Yorkshire.

#### CYCLING

#### Sutton opens race season in typical style

SHANE Sutton, of Australia, showed his customary early-season dominance of the opening professional race, the March Hare 50 miles at the Eastway circuit, Strat-ford, yesterday to score his fourth victory in the event. The tally could be five but on one occasion, although first over the line, he was disqualified (Peter Bryan writes).

Sutton, despite some uncertainty, is back in the Banana colours, although is on a reduced budget compared with their Milk Race-winning years of 1990 and 1991. Yesterday's win put the smile back on Sutton's face after a bad bout of influenza. He paid tribute to Ben

Luckwell, who finished second after Sutton made his decisive sprint 200 yards out. "He was going like a train when four of us were away for the last 20 miles," he said. RESULT: 1, S Sutton (Bassana-Med) 2hr 1min 55sec; 2, Bluckwell (PCA), at 1sec; 3,

#### **ICE SKATING**

#### Basic errors handicap promising Britons

By MICHAEL COLEMAN

STEVEN Cousins and Charlene von Saher, two young British competitors, paid heavily for mistakes they would never commit in training as the world championships neared a conclusion in Oakland, California, this weekend. Two howlers cost them places in the first ten. In a sparkling original pro-

gramme, von Saher, making her debut at this level at the age of 16, singled out the required double jump - in her case an everyday flip -and was, thereby, relegated to fifteenth before the final free skating. Joanne Conway was twelfth but von Saher, who lives in the United States, was the more impressive. Five of the nine judges awarded her marks of between 5.4 and 5.6. But for the error, her technical marks would have been similar.

Cousins, only 19, was left puzzled by the basic double jump - in his case the axel -which failed him in the men's

what happened. I hit the big jumps, the triple-toe and the lutz but then went down on the axel. I can't believe it." The half-point deduction made by each judge plunged him to 21st and, consequently, to an inferior start in the

free skating, where his six

clean triples and no errors

moved him up only five

original. "I don't understand

places.

RESULTS: Man's final positions: 1, V
Petrario (CSS), 1.5pts; 2, K Browning (Carl), 35; 3, E Stokening (Carl), 50; 4, C
Bowman (US), 7.5; 5, M Mischell (US), 8.0; 6, P Barra (CA), 8.0; 16, Coustine (GS), 2.15, to denote: Final positions (effer free dance); 1, M (Mischell and S Ponomisranio (CS), 2.0; 2, M Usova and A Zhulin (CS), 4.0; 2, C M Usova and A Zhulin (CS), 4.0; 3, O Grifschult and E Pietov (CS), 6.0; 4.5; 2, M Mischell and P Cameriango (M, 8.0; 5, S Minniotte and P Levanchy (P), 12.0, 19, M Bruce and A Piece (GS), 37.8, Women's original programmer; 1, K Yarmagohi (US), 0.5pts; 2, Chen Lu (Crinal), 1.0; 3, N Kenigan (US), 15; 4, T Hesting-Gillody (US), 20; 5, L Hubert (F1), 2.5; 6, J Choulmard (Can) 3.0, 12, J Conway (GB), 8.0; 15, C von Salver (GB), 7.5.

#### FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL** 

GM Vauxhall Conference Kidderminster v Boston (7.45)... DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division Dagenhem v Grays. DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Degenham v Grays.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Horwich v Morecambe, First division: cup: Semi-final, second leg: Curzon Astrion v Wortsop.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Warcester v Cambridge City.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Derby v Gárasby (7.0); Middles-brough v Stoke (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION-NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION Chariton v Tottenham (7.0); Crysta Palace v West Ham; Milwell v Wimbiedon

CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Chellenhum v Hereford Und; Bristol Rovers v Swensen City. OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: World champi qualifying lournement (Preston).

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■ FOOTBALL 32, 33

Gemmill's second goal settles a compelling final of the ZDS Cup at Wembley

## Forest's flair tames the beast

Nottingham Forest......3 Southampton...

(aet: score at 90 minutes 2-2)

By Stuart Jones FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE beauty and the beast fought over a tinpot of a trophy at Wembley. Mercifully, the Zenith Data Systems Cup was collected in extra time by Nottingham Forest, who represent all that is aesthetically pleasing in the game, and not by their rug-ged and ill-disciplined

The competition, though rightly treated by the public as an unwelcome irrelevance. invariably finishes with a rousing final. Yesterday's was no exception. Never carr there have been a more dramatic contrast between, not only the sides, but also the fluctuation in their fortunes

For an hour Forest, parading their vastly superior talents, turned the miserably wet and cold afternoon into a sparkling exhibition of measured distribution and bewildering movement. Although they had lost their inspirational captain after only 15 minutes, the absence of Pearce proved to be of no

Southampton were there, apparently, to make up the numbers and, given their appalling disciplinary record which includes five dismissals this season, there was no guarantee they could manage to do even that. It often seemed, anyway, as though they did not have their full

Gemmill, with a spectacular voiley, and Black, with an equally precise drive, scored before the interval and Forest should have built an even more emphatic lead after it. Nevertheless, so clear was their dominance that the misses by Sheringham, Black and Keane were evidently meaningless. But Southampton, using the tedious tactics they know best, suddenly became a productive, rather than an outplayed, force and transformed the complexion of the final. Striking an endless succession of long balls and fighting (sometimes, literally) for possession, they responded with two headers from Le Tissier and Moore.

The source of both goals, typically, were set-pieces and Forest all but crumbled beneath the ensuing barrage directed at Marriott, their brave 21-year-old novice of a game, a convenient dress-



Stepping carefully: Walker, of Forest, evades the prone Shearer while Sheringham, left, and Chettle look on at Wembley yesterday

goalkeeper. Yet he kept them in contention with startling saves from Hurlock, before extra time, and from Dowie,

during it. By then Forest had re-gained their composure and, after Keane and Sheringham had almost claimed the winner, Gemmill did so by volleying in Charles's chip. He confessed that during the warm-up he had persistently been "shanking my shots all over the place".

Watched for the first time by his grandfather and coached by his father, he thus crowned a glorious day for his family. His father, Archie, the former Forest. Derby and Scotland player, said: "It is a great day for everybody concerned and not just Scot and myself. We are all emotionally drained because it's been a

tremendous team effort." Yet Forest's celebrations could not be sustained. The

**WHICH** 

ARTFORD

**TODAY?** 

Dartford Boys' grammar is one of

3,000 schools taking part this week in

mock elections organised by the

Hansard Society.

The last three at Dartford have each

been won by the party which went

on to form the next government.

Report in this Friday's TES.

THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

rehearsal for the Rumbelows Cup final against Man-chester United on April 12, was the first of four in six days. Intolerable fixture congestion is the price they must pay for success in domestic cup competitions but, to accompany their fatigue, they left Wembley with £100,000. the disproportionately lavish prize for lifting the trophy. Southampton, themselves competing in their nineteenth cup-tie, earned

£40,000 as the runner-up. The sum will be of meagre compensation if they also lose their struggle for first-division survival. Presumably, their approach will remain as physical as usual. Moore epitomised it near the end. He ran some 30 yards to upend Marriott and became their 68th representative to

be booked this season. Hurlock had earlier been the 67th for committing one of 23 of Southampton's fouls. By contrast, Forest conceded

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SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers: J Kenna, F
Benali, B Horne, K Moore, N Ruddock, M
Le Tissier, G Cocleriti, A Shearer, I Dowie,
T Hurlock.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: A Merrioti: G
Charles, S Pearce (sub: S Chettle), D
Walker, D Wassali, R Kesna, G Crosby, S
Germill, N Clough, E Sheringham, K
Black.

Leaders falter, page 32 Newcastle triumph, page 33 man to have a word with the

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FRANCE, the holders, were

eliminated from tennis's Da-

vis Cup yesterday when

Thierry Champion proved unequal to the role of national

hero. Champion's four-set

loss to Jakob Hlasek in the

first of the reverse singles sealed France's fate, giving Switzerland an unbeatable 3-

l lead in their quarter-final.

Switzerland had to get

through the qualifying event

to make the world group this

year, and have never before

reached the last four.

## PFA steps up pressure

By Peter Ball

THE Premier League found itself under attack on several fronts yesterday as the threat of a players' strike moved nearer. The Football League insisted that the players' demands for ten per cent of television fees were fully justified, while Gordon Taylor. the chief executive of the Professional Footballers Association (PFA), accused his Premier League opposite number, Rick Parry, of "dirty

Brendon Batson, Taylor's deputy, developed the refrain as he complained bitterly about the letter Parry sent last week to the 22 first division chairman. The letter advised them to tell their players that the settlement of the dispute was in sight and suggested that they should advise the players to think carefully before voting for a strike.

They are trying to interfere in the process of a legallyconducted ballot," Batson said before setting out for last night's PFA awards dinner. "It is a dirty tricks campaign. They have asked the chair-

Four-time champions Swe-

den, who had already re-

served their place on

Saturday, wrapped up a 5-0 whitewash of Australia yester-

day and were waiting to see if the United States, 2-I leaders

over Czechoslovakia, would

Champion had several

chances to beat Hlasek and

keep France in the match, played in the Roman

amphitheatre at Nîmes. He

held six set points in the third

set, all of which Hlasek saved,

in the fourth before Hlasek

and was 5-3 up and serving

join them.

players saying everything is in place, which is just not true. "The letter said they should think carefully because they would damage their relation-ship with the PFA — a terrible thing to say. It is interference with our membership."

Parry, who left no doubt about his personal courage by attending the dinner in London last night, was quick to reject the accusation. "It was just a case of stating the facts," he said. "Personal jibes have got to stop. We ought to decide this on the

"We said in the letter that our meeting last Friday was likely to guarantee the players' pensions, preserve the rules and regulations and give them a place on the executive officers' committee, all of which we have done. I call that stating the facts."

It is, of course, not unknown for employers to try to exert influence over their workforces in industrial disputes, so Taylor's rage may be somewhat synthetic. There is little doubt that Parry's letter has given the PFA another

pulled back to take the match

Champion had two perfect role models in the forms of

Henri Leconte and Guy For-

get, the heroes of last year's

final victory over the United

States and also of Saturday's

doubles. Leconte and Forget,

both playing despite recent injuries, had kept alive a slim

hope for France when they

beat Hlasek and Marc

Rosset. On Friday, Champi-

on lost to Rosset and Arnaud

Boetsch went down to

6-3, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5.

Champion unable to rescue holders

weapon in a propaganda war they seem sure to win anyway, given the personalities in-volved, and it might even be counter-productive, with the suspicion that an intervention by not a few club chairmen could turn previously wavering moderates into screaming militant strikers

within five minutes. The attack from the other quarter was even less surprissome embarrassment for Sir John Quinton, the chairman of the Premier League, and in his day job of Barclays Bank, who are the Football League sponsors.

"We are not directly involved," Andy Williamson, the assistant secretary of the Football League, said at the Zenith Date Systems Cup final between Nottingham Forest and Southampton at Wembley yesterday, "but we want the two parties to get the dispute resolved."

The sting was in the tail. "It could be resolved quite simply by the Premier League accepting the arangements which the PFA have with us."

## Faldo masters the putter at the right time

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS. GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN PONTE VEDRA, FLORIDA

NICK Faldo knew as he set out to protect a one-shot lead in The Players Championship here yesterday that he is back on course to reclaim the Masters title.

For Faldo is filled with the renewed belief that once again he has the putting stroke to apply the finishing touch to a game that from tee to green has been consistently the best in the world over the

last four years.
Faldo revealed following a flawless third round of 67 on Saturday that he has been reading books and listening to tapes designed to improve his mental outlook. He emphasised his well being on a hot afternoon when he struck shots with such ease that it made one wonder why he has won only once in the last 16 months.

The reason, of course, is that Faldo is not immune to suffering on the greens, and the painful process of missing putt after putt naturally took its toll. His search for a cure ended when he arrived here and met the man from Ping.

That company might be involved in a prolonged courtroom conflict with the US PGA Tour, but there is no question that they manufacture putters of exceedingly good quality. Many players will testify to that and Faldo is now one of them.

He took possession of one of their models at the start of this week and, after months of soul searching and sheer hard work, the putts began to

drop.
One of 30 feet at the 15th provided him with his fifth birdie, although the six-footer he holed for par at the 18th was mentally more rewarding. It gave him a total of 203, 13 under par, and a oneshot lead ahead of Phil Blackmar, a 6ft 7in American.

David Leadbetter, Faldo's coach, suggested Faldo used a longer putter — 35.5 inches rather than 34 inches - for better posture. "The idea is that I can release my right side through the putt." Faldo side through the putt, Faldo said. "It means that I've dug out my '89 stroke, when I did seems of the putt, Faldo said." It means that I've dug out my '89 stroke, when I did seems of the putt, Faldo seems of the putt, Fal

have a better follow-through. "I chopped and changed putters, but what I needed was a model which was made to be 35 and a half inches long rather than one which, by lengthening yourself, takes some of the feel away. So far,

so good.' Faldo, of course, knew he would be placed under pressure as the final round unfolded because Ian Baker-Finch, Davis Love III, Fred Couples, Nick Price and Tom Watson were among those snapping at his heels.

Couples, the man of the moment, compiled a course record of 63 - eight birdies and one eagle - on Saturday to emerge as a contender for the \$324,000 first prize. If he won he would take his official winnings this season to more than \$1 million

José-Maria Olazábal held a share of the lead with Faldo after nine holes of the third round but he lost a ball in a tree at the 10th. There he took seven, although it might have been more it an official had applied the lost ball ruling rather than allowing him to take a drop under the tree for an unplayable lie.

The error occured because Pat Rielly, the former president of the PGA of America, determined that Olazábal's ball had lodged in a palm tree. A ball could be seen. although it was later identified as not Olazábal's ball. But Olazábal had already played, complying to the official ruling, and so he was not compelled to return deep into the trees, from where he would have been playing a fifth shot with no chance of

reaching the green. Olazábal, however, drove into the water at the 18th and finished with a 75, which left him six shots behind Faldo going into the final round.

## Daly in trouble for going too quickly

Open champion, and John Daly, who won the US PGA Championship last year, were fined after scoring 81 and 80 respectively in the final round of The Players Championship here yesterday (Mitchell

Tour Commissioner, gave the order for them to be fined for efforts". The fine could be as much as \$1,000 for each player. Calcavecchia and Daly took only only two hours and three minutes to play

of play from both players.
Calcavecchia was adamant that he would be appealing. "It shouldn't matter what scores we shot," he said. "We never ran. We are two of the fastest players on the Tour. supposedly, but I was concentrating most of the time. "Greg Norman and Mark

minutes to play the final round of the Tour Championship at Pebble Beach in 1988. They were not fined and they were running, with their caddies throwing clubs to them. They were also warned to slow down on the course; we were not. If I had been out first today, on my own, I could have worn tennis shoes

and aerobic shorts and been round in 45 minutes." Daly, who met Beman or Thursday, made news several weeks ago when he swore during a television interview. Calcavecchia said that Daly had been told by Beman that he would be fined if he

"I'm never tired of the spota soap opera, watch TV ... I can't believe the fine."

#### Ponte Vedra: Mark We didn't try our hardest, Calcavecchia, the former O'Meara took one hour 26

Platts writes).
Calcavecchia said that Deane Beman, the US PGA "not putting forth our best

their rounds. A US Tour official claimed that Calcavecchia hit some shots one-handed and that spectators in a gallery of around a hundred were unimpressed with the standard

continues to refuse requests to attend press room interviews. light but it just seems everyone is now more interested in my private life rather than my golf," Daly said. "If you want

## South African Olympic team may be limited

FROM DAVID MILLER IN JOHANNESBURG

SPAIN wants to cut the Olympic quota of South Africa. An International Olympic Committee (IOC) delegation is here anxiously campaigning on South Africa's behalf for the Games in Barcelona and, simultaneously, telling the new South African Olympic body. Nocsa, to put their house in better order. The Barcelona organising committee is trying to limit the team; and, at the present

Not only is this double controversy threatening the stable constitution of the country's first team for 32 years, but black and white

time, those selected are all

influences remain divided over the traditional Spring-bok emblem — a symbol that. however innocent, is anathema to the majority of non-

Miuleki George, vice-president of the national Olympic committee (NOC) and president of the ANC-affiliated National Olympic Sports Congress, said yesterday : "The Springbok must be laid to rest. Last week, the NOC an-

nounced that it would be sending a team of 125 competitors and released the names of 41 from seven sports — all white. The selection committee, under the direction of Professor Hawksworth, chairman of the yachting federation, has repeatedly stressed that selection will be strictly on merit. That principle is now, indirectly, under fire. The instant reaction of the

Barcelona organisers, al-ready over-stretched to contain the competitors within a 10,000 limit, was that they could not accommodate 125; that it would have to be reduced to half that. With South Africa readmitted to the fold, there is no sense in such numerical restriction, contrary to present qualifying standards, of a

famous sports nation. Kaba M'baye, chairman of the IOC's apartheid commission and leader of the delegation here, said, after a two-hour meeting with Nocsa: "Barcelona has difficulties but I think we have to do which is a special case." The delegation, which recommended South Africa's reinstatement this time last year, will recommend a team of not less than 100.

Yet Nocsa was also given to understand that there must be more consideration for non-white competitors: that South Africa was read-. mitted in the promotion of the spirit of the Olympic movement; and that this spirit had to be reflected in the composition of a nonracial team not exclusively

The balance was partially corrected by the qualification on Saturday of three black runners for the marathon. In the national championships in Cape Town, the first three were Abel Mokibe, Zithulele

Transvaal. All were within the qualifyiung time of 2min 14 sec. The women's race was won by Colleen de Reuck, the only woman with a qualifying time. She is white Had South Africa been re-

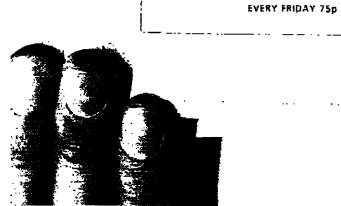
Singe and Jan Tau, all from

instated in time, their team for the recent world crosscountry championships would probably have been all black, and blacks will dominate the selection from 800 metres upwards. This will not take place until the Olympic trials in April.

With temporary ratifica-tion of Athletics South Afri-ca, the unified body, by the IAAF, expected to be confirmed in May. South Africa will enter the Unity two-leg meeting to be staged in Daare among South Africa's best hopes for a medal in Barcelona, together with Elana Meyer, the 10,000 metres runner.

burg. The marathon runners

The delegation, which has meetings with Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk today and tomorrow respectively, expects to re-solve differences over uniform, flag, emblem and anthem for the Games. It is expected that the uniform will be conventional greenand gold, the anthem will be the neutral Olympic hymn, and the flag an interim Nocsa flag with all-round acceptability, prior to the determination of a new national





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# The selling of the Prince of Wales

From holistic medicine to holey cheese, Prince Charles has a view. But, Kate Muir says, a much more profound side of the king in waiting is about to be marketed

His activities

are to be sold

as a single

concept, with

a logo of a

crowned

letter C

building and decoration. Nevertheless, his acceptance as a prophet in art was not immediate. Though a substantial part of his criticism was written before he was 35, he was considered to be something of an amateur, a rich dilettante, until after he was 50 ... His puritanical conscience never let him rest easy in the enjoyment of his unearned wealth."

hat was part of a potted biography of John Rus-kin, the writer, critic and artist, but it could just as easily be applied to the present Prince of Wales, the orator, critic and (amateur) artist. Lacking a Ruskin or even a Bertrand Russell in these times of thinning British intellectual debate, propped up here and there by Americans such

as Francis Fukuyama, we are left Prince Charles as one of the few non-political figures around who can still cause a

Indeed, the man is only truly happy when he is poking his finger in pies where it is least expected. His staff himself variously "one-man (non-govemmental organis-"a single person pressure group" and "a cat-alyst". He talks of the Establish-

ment", as though he were not part of it. He once said that he rather enjoyed "throwing a proverbial royal brick through the professional pride".

As the Prince's own all-en-compassing philosophy takes final shape, the targets for such brickings have grown, and so has the furore caused. But the problem remains that his multiple cam-paigns — on architecture, the environment, philanthropy, com-plementary medicine, education. art, organic agriculture, and most recently, tyrophilia (cheese-loving)
— suggest flightiness. Should these be interpreted as evidence of

galloping edecticism, or ex-

pressions of a consistent theory? Princes Charles would plump for the latter. He is irritated that a philosophy of life which is clear to him should be so muddled by others: that he should be lampooned as "cranky", "dotty". "mystical" and "New Age", when all the while he is thumping away on the same theme. He is completely misinterpreted as frustrated and in search of a role, according to his private secretaries. In fact, he has found that role and has embarked, as princes

end to, on a crusade. That much may be obvious to him, but his subjects deserve an explanation, it is felt by those who

"It is usual to think of him as a titles. So The Firm has decided to typical figure of Victorian England, the keeper of the artistic products. The Prince's seemingly products. The Prince's seemingly disparate activities are to be sold to the public as a single concept, with

> third area of campaigning work going on, and his cohorts are presently toying with different ways of marketing

what one refers to as "HRH's Big Idea". So far, they not found the phrase which encapsulates it. Thus it was only sensible the Prince's private office and some of his lay advisers, it might be possible to grope towards a

The recent speeches were a good place to begin. The palace offered entire filing cabinets of them. Cited out of context in newspapers

aroused by headlines such as "monstrous carbuncle" "architectural Luftwaffe", they are worthwhile. Almost without exception, they are anti-materialist, and reject what the Prince perceives as the soulless, amoral and mechanistic modern world. Few are without a quote from Wordsworth, Shakespeare, Plato or Eliot All espouse a cosmology which is daringly unfashionable.

"We must attend to the more profound and timeless values which are always the hallmark of true civilisation," he tells an audience at Budapest University in 1990. Throughout its trials "the soul of Hungary and of nearly every individual Hungarian, has remained alive, free and, if anything, stronger than would have otherwise been the case ... Never lose that spirit and inner identity, I

Back in Marylebone, London, addressing doctors, he adds: "What I am in favour of is the harnessing of the best aspects of ancient and modern medicine to contribute towards the most effective healing of the patient's mind and body". And to psychiatrists: "I believe we need to be reminded occasionally that wisdom has a far more profound meaning than just the acquisi-

a logo of a crowned letter C, and a slogan along the lines of "An initiative of the Prince of Wales".

Like any large conglomerate, the Royal Family has recognised the need for packaging. The marketing effort is largely aimed at the eight principal organ-isations of the Prince, which include The Prince's Trust and Youth Business Trust, Business in the Community, the Advisory Group on Disability and Business Leaders' Forum. With an income of £21m a year, 400 staff and 7.000 volunteers between them. they ought to have a higher profile. Constitutionally, Prince Charles's role is as heir to the throne but, in fact, there is a whole

> that we, as sub-jects, should join the royal mission to explain. Aided by

tells farmers that they are not but are engaged in the "long-term stewardship of a precious natural resource". He asks businessmen to deny themselves "some of the pleasures and conveniences of the consumer society" in the interests of saving the global environment for future generations.

There is no question of a speechwriter providing these consistent pleas for the return of the soul. These are the Prince's own words, although he consults an ever-changing round table of unpaid experts on the subject of each speech. After all, who else would risk such bad jokes or phrases like "bacteriologically correct" and "the malformed Gruvere de Comté, the odorous Pont L'Eveque" when condemning the bureaucratisation of cheese?

Some speeches reveal more than others. One, in January this year at the inauguration of the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture is most significant", according to Kathleen Raine, the poet and friend of Laurens van der Post who has published the Prince's theories in her Temenos magazine. The speech mattered so much to the Prince he spent the night rewriting it, and more than anything else, it explains his crusade.

fears, when younger, that there On the environmental front, he seemed to be an orchestrated ditional foundations which human values had been based on for thousands of years. As he grew older, he felt he dared not express his true feelings "for fear of being

> ow, he is fearless: "The temptation to conform can be very powerful. So why haven't I? What is it that produces this overwhelming feeling - for it is only a feeling — in my heart that the whole universe is based on the most profound principles which in themselves represent a giant para-dox, but for me inspire a continual sense of awe and reverence? I confess that I don't know what it is, except that it comes from the heart and envelops my whole being. It is an awareness of something beyond the confines of self and it becomes more evident in the presence of great beauty."

> But this is not a God-squad application, or a sign of impend-ing infirmity. Instead it ties in with the aim of those involved in Temenos "that civilisation shall not sink". The Prince's architectural institute gave over two rooms to a Temenos Academy, whose

and affirm the transcendent unity of knowledge", or more prosaa crash-course in classical and traditional culture for architecture students. (The relevance of one lecture on the Round Table and the mythological kingdom of King Arthur remains unclear.)

Yet in a country which cannot see beyond its own tax bill, never mind its nose, the princely theories provide necessary relief. Ms Raine is aged 83 and was never keen on royalty until she met Prince Charles, who is 43, whom she refers to as "that wonderful young man". They are both anxious that the eternal and spiritual values of - among others - Plato, Blake, Ruskin and some Eastern philosophers should not be lost.

At first she felt the Prince's antimaterialist stance had been courageous, "since his first statements he's been gradually filling in the details, getting the knowledge he needs". She, too, feels he sees himself as apart from the Establishment, and he refers to his

battles against "shadowy expens".
"He takes his role very seriously. He researches conscientiously. I suppose he is taking up the traditional role of the king speak-ing out for the people. Kingship is what you make of it, and he is

Jonathon Porritt, the former humdinger. It will cover interdirector and now adviser to national issues, particularly

An idealist looking for an idylf? According to his private secretaries, the Prince of Wales found his role a long time ago, and has now embarked upon a crusade ern scientific-materialist sense." He begins with his unspoken noble purpose is to "demonstrate

Friends of the Earth, recalls when vited the Prince to open the North Sea Conference in 1986. Instead of using the bland, prepared welcoming speech, the Prince did his own research, with the help of his own experts, which embar-

rassed the government into mak- Science. ing pledges on pollution control. The Prince's forthcoming speech to the London meeting of the Bruntland Commission on What is bugging Scotland? April 22 is expected to be another

population control, the migration

Law Report TV, radio.

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## It's a grate life here if you don't weaken

career. More than found one:
I will have founded it. I am going to set up as the world's first consultant psychotribologist.

If you are a good solid back-

page reader, you are already a jump ahead of me. crying "Yes! we need psychotribology now!" Last week this newspaper introduced plain tribology to a wider public on the occasion of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers new War on Wear campaign. The word comes from the Greek "tribein", meaning "to rub", and is the study of things which rub against each other, which grind and squeak at one another's hostile surfaces and throw off shavings of swarf. If we could lubricate them better we would save energy. prevent mechanical breakdown and be £1.5 billion a year richer. So that's tribology: oiling the wheels of industry.

And psychotribology? Well, you know already. Just look around you, at the way your colleague on the left keeps sniffing at his Vick inhaler, and the one on the right is rearranging her drawerful of near little paisley-patterned boxes marked PAPERCLIPS and PER-SONAL. Psychotribology has to come. After all, if £1.5 billion a year is being lost through squeaky

think I have found a new career. More than found one: I will have founded it. I am wasted on the capacity of human workmates to rub each other up the wrong way, present jagged and damaging surfaces, and generally get up one another's noses? What is the point of installing an

expensive new executive, finely engineered at Insead and Harvard Business School, if he is going to waste half his energy grinding horribly against the rough surfaces of his ex-works "basically, I'm a barrer-boy" managing director? Why take such trouble polishing job descriptions for a new PA, only to offer her up to a departmental head with a personality like coarse sandpaper and a work pattern designed by a committee of Heath Robinson and Jeffrey Bernard? On the other hand, why waste your time on an anti-harassment code if the tolerances of your employees are all equally crude, and the girls fouler-mouthed cogs than the

Actually, I suspect that a good three-quarters of sexual harassment cases are due to nothing but poor psychotribology. When a doctor accuses a partner of public fondling, or a woman erupts with fury at being consistently called "sweetheart", it is not straightforWORKING LIFE

Libby Purves offers to oil the wheels

of industry



ward sex warfare. There can be antipathies stronger and less rational than any mere passion. Stray phrases betray it: "She had an unfortunate manner", "He had always thought he was too good

for the job". Sex itself is a squeaky wheel: sometimes the very presence of a nubile woman workmate - whose Lycra bodysuit is, in fact, a statement about having lost 12lb.

not about sexual rapacity - can deeply infuriate men whose own love-lives are a bit ropy and who come to work partly in order to stop thinking about Lycra and pouting lips. If they harass her, it could be that her very presence is - tribologically speaking - harassing them first. It is no excuse, but it is an explanation.

And remember, just as you can be chivalrous and loving towards a

direct rival with whom your gears mesh smoothly, so equally can you fall into a frenzy of hate about a quite innocent colleague. For all kinds of weird reasons: because she has a silly accent, because she always wears four-inch spike heels, because she keeps on agreeing with you and saying "Well, this is it". Or because his shoes squeak on purpose (we are not in rational areas here); because he has a deep. annoying, masculine Freemason sort of laugh that makes you want to assault him with a crowbar; because he has pictures of three grinning kids on his desk and you are having an access battle over yours. Add a habit of tunelessly humming Abide with Me under the breath, a hot summer's afternoon and a frustrating meeting and you have all the ingredients for a good Agatha Christie stabbing any day.

Except that violence rarely breaks out. The people concerned merely squeak and grind and grate against one another, sending acrid fumes of resentment across the office. Whenever Personnel tries to investigate, everyone says through gritted teeth "No - very good worker - can't complain". It is the hate which dare not speak its name.

And what will the psycho-

tribologist do? Why, lubricate them, of course. First with drink: I will take the grinding gears out separately for lunch and winkle out of them what particular way of laughing Nyah-nyah-nyah on the telephone, what deliberate inability to change the paper in the fax machine has brought on this helpless enmity. The next step is to move into that office myself for a week, and guarantee to be so annoying that everyone will unite in detesting me. I have a particularly good line in singing "Ya picked a fine time to leave me Lucille" under my breath, and my reminiscences of convent schooldays have brought deskmates to their knees in days. After I go, nothing will ever seem so bad again. I shall charge a great deal for this service.

TOMORROW Mid life: Neil Lyndon

THE ROYAL BALLET: Covent Garden's resident company makes its amuse vast to the regions, starting today with a one-week season in Bristol. On offer is Kenneth MacAlillan's derfully passionate *Manon* and A rinte bill of Ashton's cool Mar uripse offir of Astron's code monacares, MacAlifan's Cheknov ballet Winter Dreams and Balanchine's glonous Batet ballet, Symphony in C Bristot Hippodrome, St Augustime's Perede, Bristol (0272 299444), 7.30pm.

DESZO RANKI: The elegani Hungarian panest gives an attractive lunchame programme which includes extracts from his compatifol Gyorgy Kurtag's Garnes, Haydn's F minor Vanations and Beethoven's Sonata in E flat, Op 31 No 1 There is live relay on

St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 1pm.

SOUND OF MUSIC: A new Wendy SOUND OF MUSIC: A new wordy Toye production of the sugary family musical goes on a countrywide four and will reach Sudier's Wells in June. The Rodgers and Hammenstein show still holds the box-office record for an American musical in the West End. It eading the dose-mil chanasat will be Leading the do-re-mi choruses will be Leading the do-te-mi choruses will be singling narmy-novice created on film by Julie Andraws, and Christopher Cazenove as Captain von Trapp. The show plays in Edinburgh until April 11 King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh (031-229 1201), 7.30pm. SCHOOLS' MUSIC ASSOCIATION CONCERT: Annual concert by the SMA celebrating the talents and achievements of school pupils from

around Britain. Feetival Hall, South Bank, London (071-926 8800), 7,30pm.

■ ANGELS IN AMERICA: Strong

(071-928 2252). Toni

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem night

performances in Tony Kushner's longish but vigorous drama: Aida, religion.

litics, everything itional (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE1

ow, 2,30cm, 210mms

ngh on energy, low on story freshness Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836

6404). Mon-Fri, 7 30pm, Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins.

LI THE CRACKWALKER: Urban savegary in Ontarlo; volence, abuse, grief, strong stuff, served straight. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, W1 (971-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm. 150mms.

🞵 DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brien Friel's Olivier Award-witning memory-play, set in Thirties Donegal Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats

E DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Julie

☐ DIGGING FOR FIRE: A drunken

uplittingly played Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Set, 8pm 140mins

☐ DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON: Paines Plough make Orwell wintry book a least of clever staging

and sharp vignettes of acting. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, WG (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ ELEEMOSYNARY: Three genera-tions of clever women, expert in spellin but emotionally troubled. Refreshing play by Lee Bleasing, aubity acted. Greenwich Studio, Prince of Orange, 189 High Road, SE10 (081-858 2962). Tues-Sun, 8pm

LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the fantasies of a frustrated woman

from Spein's master of camp, Pedro Almodóvar. With Victoria Abril, Mansa

Amicover: With Victoria Abril, Marisa Paredes. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3386).

♦ FREEJACK (15) Emilio Estevez is kidnapped into the future for a mind transplant. Depressing high-tech adventure; with Mick Jagger, Anthony Hopkins. Director, Geoff Murphy. MGM Fullnam Road (071-370 2636)

MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

♠ MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO (18) Gus Van Sant's qurity portraut of two drifters searching for a home striking and aggrevating by turns. With River Phoenir, Kearu Reeves. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2635) MGM Shaffsebury Avenue (071-320 5279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

NECESSARY ROUGHNESS (12)

American college football fear make good Crushrighy dull, with cliches galore With Scott Balula, Hector Except, Grector, Stan Dragott MGM Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999)

LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15). Jacques

LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15). Jucques Rivette's hyponotic suploration of a painter and his model, shuggling to complete an abundoned canvas. Close to a masterpece, With Michel Pocoli. Emmanuelle Béart, Jane Birlon. Chelses (071-35) 374-2/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-537 8402).

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**♦ MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO (18)** 

AN EVENING WITH GARY

**NEW RELEASES** 

HIGH HEELS (18), Lukew

Thurs, 3cm, Set, 4cm, 150mins THE DARK RIVER: Accomplish revival of Rodney Ackland's 1937 drama: nalively and nostalgia in an England drifting towards war Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (061-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mai Sat, 4pm 165mlns.

THE CRACKWALKER: Liston

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and nant compiled by

his brand of dead-pan comedy to Motiere's play in this good-humou Kari Knight Moder's pay in this good-instituted production by Braham Murray. A strong cast includes Polly James. The tour finishes at the Lycoum Theatre, Sheffield next week Arts Theatre, 6 St. Edward's Passage, Cambridge (0223 352000). 8pm. THE FALL: Back on cracking form with a new album Code: Selfish, Mark E Smith and company bring their caustic lyrics and visceral trink to Cambridge. the final stop in a March tour. Com Exchange, Wheeler Street, Cambridge (0223 357851), 6.45pm HOGARTH AND PIRANESI: Though

y would hardly spring to mind either. Hogarth and Piranesi were contemporanes, famous in their or izme and later as printmakers. Six ON APPROVAL: Penelopa Keith in a ow APPROVED PRESENT VISION TO THE PROVINCE OF them together is a good excuse to flaunt some of the Courtauld Institute's possessions, notably the 30-odd Hogarth engravings given by Sir Robert Witt in 1944 and the 14 splend Piranes Prisms bequesthed by Count
Antonie Seliem in 1978.
Countauld Institute Galleries,
Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873
2528. Mon-Sat, 10am-8pm, Sun, 2-MY FAIR LADY: The Lerner and Loewe musical gets an invigorating new look from stage designer David Fielding (echoing his work with Engish National Opera) and couturier Jasper Conran Edward Fox is cent in the "Rex

tarrison" role of Professor Higgins, and Helan Hobson makes an eminently ALEXANDER CALDER: The man who thought up the mobile could be accused of many things, including culpable insubstantiality, but lack o Excepte Eiza Docintie The production runs in Cardiff until April 11 and will tour would hardly be one of them. on is to enter willy-nilly, into his own happy world of bright primery colours and fluttering shapes ever on the move. For him life is a curcus, often literally: in earlier year LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES; The Royal Shakaspeare Company in a touring production of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the Lacios novel about the sexual power games of the Parisian aristocracy in pre-Revolutionary France. Stephas Dobban th he made many drawings and wi sculptures on circus themes. Even his scuprotes on cruis triemes, even ms iste "stables" are full of movement, fruzen it seems just for the moment. Royal Academy of Artz, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), Daily, 10en 6pm. Until June 5

THE MISER: Tom Courtenay brings

#### THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assess of current London theatre House full, returns only Some seats availat

the regions before reaching London in

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff.

Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071 494 5075). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm 130mins.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: With LI FROM A JACK TO A KING: Wit and styfish version of Meobeth's cit to the top, set in the world of rock bends and peaked with Strides sory Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Pete Streat, W1 (1771-437 2881 sites 2pm Mon-Sat, 6, 15pm, Fri falte show, 10 30pm, mat Sat, 8pm, 90mms.

C GORMENGHAST: The David El GOHMENDAS I: Inte David Glass Ensemble catch the manace of the Peake novels through excellent movement and characterful voices. BAC, Old Town Hall. Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tues-Set, 8pm., Sun, 6pm. 185mins. Final week. ☐ GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Li GLOUP INCKIN \* TONTILOR Satisfying musical celebrating Firities and Strites pop dissecs. Greet shaft. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4401) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sat, 5 30pm and 8 30pm. 135mins.

■ HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanesa Redgrave heed Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shew's timeless, state-of-England drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 225mms

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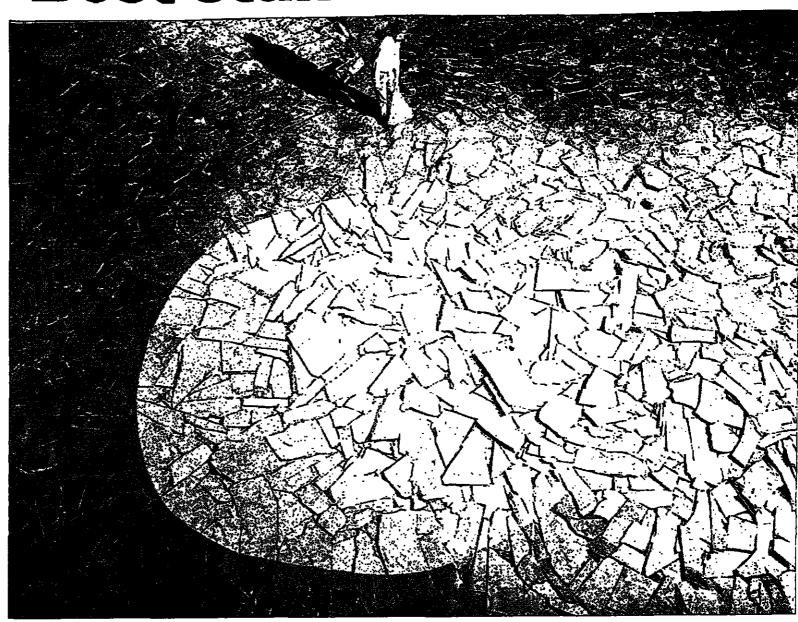
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stumbling towerds redemption With Susan Serandon. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) ♦ THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15). New York peychains) helps flootball coach face family secrets. Romantic drama with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Notite Barbra Stressand directs and co-stare but fails to sing. MGM Baker Strest (071-935 9772) MGM Cheleses (071-935 9389) MGM Oxford Street (071-936 0310) Odeors: Kernaington (0426 914965) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Whitaleys (071-792 3332).

23 solo strings. The viola theme was RAISE THE RED LANTERN (PG): Zhang Yimou's austere, quietly dezzh drama of a concubine's struggles in Twenties China. With Gong U. Metro (071-437 0757) Notting HB Coronet (071-727 6705) Renoir (071-837 8402). passed to cellos and to violins as an almost subconscious remembrance of themes past. There seemed little need for a conductor at all; until one realised that it was Masur's own energy, through his batonless hands,

In Brussels, Simon Tait reports on the opening shows at a year-long festival of British art

# Best stall in the market



Sixty tons of slate: Andy Goldsworthy puts the finishing touches to his work, Stone Sky. on show at the Atelier Sainte Anne in Brussels

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n Britain, John Drummond ponders how to spend the £6 million allocated by the government for a six-month European arts festival later this year, marking the British presidency of the European Community. But in Brussels, the official heart of the European Community. British artists are already enjoying a substantial European showcase, costing the British taxpayer a mere £150,000.

The event, backed by the British Council, is a year-long festival called Britain in Brussels", which began in January and features such names as Turner, the Royal Philharmonic, Peter Greenaway, Michael Nyman, David Hockney and possibly the Royal Shakespeare Company (if the RSC can raise sponsorship to tour Richard III).

Each EC member takes it in turn to mount a festival of its own culture, allocated by the Council of Europe. Britain has not had a turn since the 1970s, so the British Council decided not to wait, but to mark unilaterally the advent of the single European

Malcolm Cooper, the council's director in Brussels, said: "We have not laid down a programme and then found venues. Most of the funding comes from the venues themselves.

NOT even the Leipzig Gewandhaus

Orchestra was born great. But greatness was certainly thrust upon this

band pretty soon in its life when

J.S. Bach became musical director of

the core Leipzig Collegium Musicum in 1729. Then came Mendelssohn,

Wagner, Mahler and Strauss: the

Last week, the Leipzig Gewandhaus

visited London as one of the Barbi-can's "Great Orchestras of the World". Kurt Masur strode on, shook

hands with each player at the end of

Strauss's Metamorphosen and final-

ly held up the score itself as just

recipient of the applause.

The Metamorphosen, written in the late classical austerity of Strauss's

life, lives deep in the sinews of these

250th anniversary is due in 1993.

and the little bit of sponsorship that has been scraped together. We've helped the Belgians express their choice of British art. In the second half of the year we'll be concentrating on our younger artists; there seems to be as much enthusiasm for them as for the more established ones.'

"Turner In Europe", the Tate

Gallery's exhibition of watercolours from Turner's tours along the Rhine. Meuse and Mosel, opened at the Musee d'Ixelles six weeks ago. "This has been a revelation not only for Belgians but the Poles. Germans and Spanish who have come specially to Nicole see it.' d'Huart, the museum's director, said.

She estimates that

60,000 people will have seen the show by didn't know his work." As a result, she is planning for next year an exhibition of the London School painters: Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, R. B. Kitaj and others.

tons of slate arranged on the floor of the Atelier Sainte Anne. The British Council had asked the gallery owner, Françoise van Kessel, what she would like to show as part of the event. "They took me to London, but the commercial galleries were very sad; there was nothing !

Today, Andy Goldsworthy opens

his exhibition: an installation of 60

thought was right. Then Goldsworthy The British was mentioned. "I said he would never Council come: he's too famous. But here he is." decided to Van Kessel offered

Goldsworthy a sizeable space with a viewing gallery. He had given up hope of finding such a space single market in Britain for his astonishing work, called Stone Sky. La Monnaie, the

Brussels opera house, the time it ends on April 30 - five is staging the classic Glyndebourne times what she was expecting. production of Stravinsky's opera The "People had heard of Turner but they Rake's Progress, complete with David Hockney designs, as part of the festival. That spurred into action the Palais des Beaux Arts, which had long cherished hopes of a Hockney retrospective.

The British Council helped with an approach to Hockney and the exhibition opens in June, jointly organised by the gallery, the Juan March Foundation in Madrid (where it will later be seen) and the David Hockney Studio.

"Britain in Brussels" has also supported the staging of a ballet with music by the British composer Michael Nyman, which has never been seen in Britain. Frederic Flamand. the new director of Charleroi-Dance (effectively Belgium's national contemporary dance company), created The Fall of Icarus with Plan K. his dance troupe, in close collaboration with Nyman. It played at the company's 1,800-seat theatre last week to packed houses.

While Belgians do not seem to know Freud or Kitaj, they are already familiar with such contemporary artists as the painter David Tremlett or the avant-garde composer Brian Ferneyhough. Paul Dujardin. the youthful director of the Ars Musica festival, said that British contemporary composers are extremely popular, but believes their potential is not invested in by their own country. He wanted a new Ferneyhough piece, but found he could only commission it with sponsorship from a Portuguese trust.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

## Visitors at ease

which was creating the tension that tugs between the work's chaste counterpoint and the soaring, late Romantic song which surfaces from it.

Julia Varady joined the orchestra for a performance of Strauss's Four Last Songs of strong physical energy... Here was no dream, but a sense of passionate presence. The Wunder of "Spring" rang out against brightly articulated orchestral playing; each individual note of "September" 's melismas danced into place. Even "Going to sleep" seemed an act of conscious will, with Varady's soprano

vibrant in its top register.

With a final, encored kick of the heels, Till Eulenspiegel and the Leipzig Gewandhaus took leave of London. Before them in the week had

come the Philharmonia, and in their wake the BBC Symphony Orchestra, both of whom offered imaginatively

constructed programmes. The Philharmonia's playing of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony under Claus-Peter Flor at the Festival Hall did not live up to its promise. This was a speedy, one-dimensional performance with no good expressive reasons for its speediness, and with a general pall of over-familiarity hanging over its superficial sprightliness. Earlier, though, John Wallace drew the fresh best out of his orchestra in a performance of Hummel's Trumpet Concerto in E. From its entry, midway through an opening orchestral bag of tricks, the instrument inspired the composer to both

Haydnesque merriment and to a diva-like lyricism in the slow movement. After its prolonged and lip-tickling trills, and a yodelling variation, testing enough even on the modern valve trumpet Wallace was using, he turned to his own arrangement of Hummel's Indian Rondo.

The BBC Symphony Orchestra's Barbican concert, conducted by Andrew Davis, started with a premiere by Edward Shipley and ended with a powerful and beautiful performance who died in 1988, wrote Hasta Longina as an image, painted boldly by full orchestra, of the spear of Longinus, reputed to have pierced Christ's side at the crucifixion. It has something of the savage austerity of the late 17th-century Italian Mannerist artists. In its rising, yet truncated phrases, fierce brass chords and brief

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## The hit parade of 1892

What excited West End audiences

a hundred years ago?

David Robinson on

the highlights of a

brilliant season

f there was any one "golden age" of live performance in this country, the 1890s might be considered a strong contender. A glance through the theatre and musical programmes of London in 1892 gives the impression that our forebears exacta hundred years ago were living in a theatrical and musical paradise. Henry Irving ruled at the Lyceum and Marie Lloyd (aged 21) and Dan Leno were the stars of the Drury Lane pantomime. Mr and Mrs Beerbohm Tree played Ham-let and Ophelia, while Sarah Bernhardt gave her most brilliant London season. The year 1892 was also to see the play-writing debuts of Oscar Wilde, Bernard Shaw, J.M. Barrie and Henry James.

There were 30 working theatres in the West End, and as many music-halls, north and south of the river. Each month saw an average of 30 new dramatic productions. Every regional town had at least one legitimate theatre. Amazeur drama groups proliferated. The talent that must today be dispersed between theatre, films, television and radio was then all dedicated to

live performance.
At the St James Hall, the concerts conducted by the great German maestro Hans Richter introduced London to exciting new music from Germany, Russia and Bohemia. Eugene Onegin and Cavalleria Rusticana had their British premieres. Covent Garden was still exploring new (for London) regions of the Wagner repertory — and in June 1892 a sensational young Austrian conductor made a whirlwind debut in the house. His name was Gustav Mahler.

In fact, distance and nostalgia lend false enchantment. The reality was often less glamorous than appears from the records of the times. In January 1892 the country was in the grip of a killer influenza epidemic; the casts of the London

Even for those who were well enough, going to the theatre was



Above: Marie Lloyd, the 21-year-old sensation of 1892

made hazardous by the dense peasoup fogs that covered London. There were reports of people choked to death by the furnes in the street. The fog even entered the chilly theatres (flew yet boasted central heating). Clement Scott, the magisterial critic of *The Telegraph*. remembered how, on these foggy first nights, "the bewildered dra-matic critics knotted themselves together en queue and were guided by a desperate and hardy pioneer to the offices in Fleet Street." The journey must have been all the more hazardous, since the London critics were divided by murderous

The issue of the conflict was "Ibsenism" and the New Drama. The conservatives defended melodrama, the well-made play and "idealism" against the pessimistic-realism of the Norwegian playwright. The British champion of Ibsen was William Archer, critic of The World. The battle had raged unabated since Archer's translation of A Doll's House was produced at the Novelty Theatre in 1889. Archer's main ally was the Dutchborn critic J.T. Grein, who in 1891 established the Independent The-atre, to produce works by new dramatists such as Ibsen, Zola and Brandes. Leading the anti-Ibsen faction was Clement Scott.

While the New Critics approved Oscar Wilde's first play, Clement Scott did not. It is hard to know if he was more outraged by Lady Windermere's Fan or by the playwright's behaviour at the first unchecked by public voice, unreprimanded by men, and tacitly en-



couraged by women, an author lounges before the footlights, with-out any becoming deference of attitude, takes no trouble to fling aside his half-smoked cigarette. and proceeds to compliment the audience on its good sense in liking what he himself has condescended to admire." Yet, Scott feared, "society at large will rush to see his

play". Society rushed: and most critics praised.

ment. Mr Barrie will win his way to fame without insolent letters in the newspapers." In fact Barrie's 1892 play, Walker, London, was a flop. No doubt Scott had a soft spot for Barrie as the anonymous author of an anti-Ibsen skit of the day, A Ghost, a Spirited Sketch Not by

Shaw explained his first excursion into play-writing in the year of 1892: "I turned my hand to play-writing when a great deal of talk another new playwright, about the New Drama, followed by J.M. Barrie, who "does not require the actual establishment of a new

discovery that the New Drama, in England at all events, was a figment of the revolutionary imagination. This was not to be endured. I had rashly taken up the case, and, rather than let it collapse, I manufactured the evidence." That evidence was Widowers' Houses, which came out in December. 1892, to fan the flames of the

critical dispute. Shaw, Wilde and Ibsen are ry VIII are long forgotten. Yet the most enduring successes of the season were slight things that had nothing to do with the dramatic wars. One was the saucy song "Tara-ra-boom-de-ay", introduced by Lottie Collins into the Gaiety burlesque Cinder-Ellen. Even Clement Scott loved this: "It is a triumph in the art of crescendo. Very gently and gradually the song rises, swells, and surges into its

The other was an entertainment farces and melodramas of 1892, a dozen mediocre plays. Charley's and Irving's over-upholstered Hen-





Left: The cover of the song-sheet for the hit number of 1892, "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay", with a glowing endorsement taken from The Times. Above: Henry Irving and Ellen Terry as Henry and Catherine in Henry VIII at the Lyceum

inconspicuously at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds on February 29. In the months that it trundled round the provinces its reputation spread. The eventual promise of a London opening evoked some apprehension: "Mr Penley, we are told, appears as an old lady. The idea is certainly humorous, though a man in female attire is apt to be repulsive." But when Charley's Aunt arrived in London in December, all fears were proved groundless, its 1,466 consecutive performances set a

22 years: and Charley's Aunt is still

revived today, a century on.

THEATRE

## **Troubled in mind and body**



Bill Marsh and Laurissa Kalinowsky

Toronto, Mississippi Finborough Earls Court

JOAN MACLEOD's Canadian play takes a hard look at a family with a retarded daughter, a girl of 18 with a mental age of a five-year old. Not that the family unit is entirely conventional to begin with. Maddie (Jane Morant) is bringing up Jhana single-handed, separated from her husband, an Elvis Presley impersonator called King.

Maddie's lodger, Bill, is a young academic and poet, sexually inexpert, who pro-vides loving companionship for the girl while pining for her mother. The absent King, in his Presley persona, provides brief musical and philosophical comment to an unseen audience before returning home for a disastrous visit.

The play is at its most powerful when attention centres on Jhana and the terrible tensions between a child mind and an adult body. Laurissa. Kalinowsky draws a marvel-lous portrait of unchannelled physical energy and bewildered intellectual groping.

She is harrowing in depicting a burgeoning, half-conscious sexuality combined with the inability to communicate or hold down the simplest therapeutic job. Her final triumph in telephoning an emergency number and articulating a cry for help not for herself but for hurt people in her home has a

derfully withering Queenie. Eyes glittering, face bunched,

tongue balefully spitting

judgements she admitted were

personal in origin ("the most

swipes at Canadian academe, the characterisation can verge on the token, though Scott Gilmore as the love-sick boarder exploits the play's most sympathetic role. Occasionally perfunctory plotting is underlined by the puzzle of King's preoccupation with Elvis. At the final preview of Charles Siegel's production Bill Marsh's performance needed tighter focus: more menace, perhaps, a more obsessive quality to emphasise the parallel between the two men's attempt to construct an emotional identity by breathing life into the bones of the dead while those living around them are blissfully. tragically unaware.

Despite amusing

MARTIN HOYLE

rich colouring. Those merits were well laid out by the Covent Garden orchestra Elias has produced a power ful piece of music that leads to

strong dancing. But the price of this freedom is a lack of definition and of any real motivation in the drama, so that the horrible events on stage dissipate themselves in empty rhetoric.

**ARTS BRIEF** 

Tuesday's performance proved that this is not a work relying on its original selected cast. Bonnie Moore cannot match the viciousness which

THE chief virtues of Brian Elias's score for MacMillan's new hallet (which now has a

new cast) are its rhythmic

variety and flexibility and its

under Barry Wordsworth.

The Judas Tree

Viviana Durante gives the girl, but she is equally provocative and supple, and perhaps more pitiable, with her thin arms and legs giving the look of a crippled bird.

The two new leading men

arguably made their roles

DANCE

ultimate madness."

## **New partners** in betrayal

Covent Garden

clearer than they were before. Zoltan Solymosi does his Bolshoi steps almost as well as Mukhamedov; he seemed

more lascivious, more relaxed in his acting, a plausible young gangster where the other suggested a serious man going against his nature. Similarly, William Trevitt, who takes over as the wronged

friend, has the strength of

character to play it very gently but still dominate.

Trevitt, an excellent young dancer, was in all three ballets and looked as fresh finishing Balanchine's Symphony in C as when he started the evening in the same choreographer's energetic and intriguing Stra-vinsky Violin Concerto. In this latter he partnered Darcey Bussell handsomely, while Sylvie Guillem and Solymosi brought sparkling zest to the other leads. But in the Bizet Symphony, many of the dancers show more exuberance than exactness. The Royal Ballet has much young talent. but some of it needs to be more sharply focused.

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#### **TELEVISION REVIEW**

#### **Critics most cantankerous**

Those viewers who did ral Pursuit. F.R. would sit in a not read English at Cambridge in the 1950s or 1960s, or keep copies of the literary magazine Scrutiny on their shelves, must have been surprised by Screen Two last night Barely a month after the showing of Simon Gray's The Common Pursuit, which shared its title with one of F.R. Leavis's books and showed a group of graduates struggling in his shadow, here was Nigel Williams's The Last Romanties, which concerned the critic himself.

Which of BBC 2's drama programmers once sat at those sandalled feet and listened to those mumbling, adenoidal rirades? There are quite a few of us these days, guiltily working for media the great elitist

Jack Gold's production was set in 1969 and showed the Leavis that Simon Gray. another former pupil, rememhered in his book An Unnatuwry trance while his wife Queenie gleefully execuated colleagues. He was, wrote Gray. "bullied by his wife's sense of grievance (amounting almost to paranoia) into an aggression foreign to his nature".

picture. First there was Leavis the disappointed old critic. and then there was Leavis the lively young crusader, bestriding the screen in flashback. The one was seen warily befriending an insecure Scots student, the other arguing with his conservative mentor, Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, about that alarming new talent, T.S. Eliot. In each case an ageing Queenie exuded scorn. Leo Mckern's kindly "Q" she remembered as "a relic when he was still alive". Alan Cumming's waif-like Tulloch she inexplicably dismissed as

"pure poison".

serious quarrel you can have is a quarrel about poetry"), she held Ian Holm's stricken. Leavis in thrall, like a snake That was part of Williams's with a vole half-resigned to its death. For me that was the play's centre; but for Williams it was not altogether so. His Leavis was also under attack from an opposite fanatic a farleft student bludgeoning poor

Tulloch with his view that Eng Lit was a pointless distraction from the class struggle. The real Leavis was indeed indifferent to politics. Litera-ture was his morality, his religion, his very life. One of the play's troubles was that it did not positively define his criteria of excellence. Another was the implausibility of a Tulloch plot eccentrically ending with the Scot scaling a church tower and seeing how Sara Kestelman was a won-

Lilliputian both Cambridge and Leavis were. Another was that Williams failed to put any of the case for Queenie, an know she was utterly rejected by the Orthodox Jewish family she adored after marrying the agnostic Leavis?

The play must have left many viewers puzzled. Why so much fuss about an academic who these days cuts an even dimmer figure in the public mind than Foucault or Derrida? Yet it takes no great critical knowledge to be touched by the grim pathos of Leavis the man. Gray quoted a description of his last illness: He was sunk in unapproachable and terrifying gloom. All he said was, 'I'm not feeling chirpy. His death was a relief." Williams and Holm

BENEDICT

showed us some of the reasons

#### **Angel** in town A LONDON date has been

announced for The Blue An-

gel, Pam Gems's musical-play adaptation of the Heinrich Mann novel, which was much admired for its authentic evocation of Weimar Republic decadence when premiered by the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford last summer. Trevor Nunn's production will open at the Globe Theatre on May 20, following previews from May 8.

Hoax goes on

THOSE Hitler diaries won't go away. The 1983 hoax has already been the subject of a British television satire, Selling Hitler. Now it provides the story for the current runaway success of German cinema: Helmut Dietl's film Schtonk. The title is a word made up by Charlie Chaplin for the gib-berish speeches in his 1940 satire on Hitler, The Great Dictator.

in the pink ART on the Underground, the series of posters commissioned by London Underground to brighten the journeys of the capital's much abused commuters, will feature its first NIGHTINGALE | non-British artist in May. He

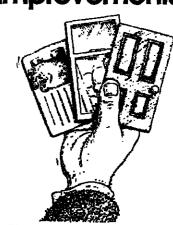
is the Dutch painter Lucas Kuys, who has provided a striking, predominantly pink abstract of Weedon Hill Woods, Amersham, to mark the centenary of the Metropolitan Line to Amersham. Kuys is no stranger to the British landscape: he spends part of each year sketching on a converted Bailey bridge amid the Norfolk marshes. Doomed to win WITH Sid Vicious and Joe

Orton tucked under his belt, actor Gary Oldman will notch up another wayward, doomed talent this summer when he tackles the role of the painter Modigliani in a screen biography. Phil Joanou, who worked with Oldman on State of Grace, will direct.

Last chance. . . TOLSTOY'S Anna Karenina

contains dozens of characters and scenes set on railway trains, at racecourses, in ballrooms and deep in the peasant heart of Russia. Yet Nancy Meckler's production succeeds, with a cast of eight, in creating a thrilling impression of the desperate passion that takes Anna to her doom under the engine wheels. Shared Experience's inventive physical style brings the essence of scene after scene to life on an almost bare stage. Until Saturday at the Tricycle, Kilburn (071-328 1000).

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Still learning the art of betting, John Diamond seeks out a gambling expert to explain the British passion for throwing away money

# When your heart goes all a-flutter

this the members enham. There is no A.J. Kincaid Kincaid) or J.P. MacManus (as in "The legendary" J.P. MacManus) or any of the other reckless men in their tweeds and cords and thicksoled brogues, pocketing wodges of twenties following a good thing in the fifth. There is no seedy gentleman making an unlicensed and illegal book for those whose pleasure it is to place five-figure sums at longish odds. There is no smell of horseflesh or human sweat or champagne or cut grass or any of the other scents that Jamie Reid tells me brings to live racing action a sense of the

In fact, as far as I can tell, this is as near to unerotic as Mr Reid can imagine any racing experience being. We are in a basement bookies in Soho full of Italian waiters crumpling their failed betting slips in their fists and spitting "Che stronzo!" at the television screen as their horse limps home last, and jabbering Chinese cooks divining the winner in the next race at Brighton from its jockey's running number rather than the horse's form.

I have dragged Mr Reid. the author of a new book on the British love affair with the turf, into Ladbrokes to show me how to make a bet - or, more accurately, how to make a winning bet. He should be a useful tutor: aged 37, Oxfordeducated (rare, despite Mr Reid's apparent belief that the on-course betting industry is almost entirely staffed by the sons of ministers and former public schoolboys), sometime racing correspondent of a heavyweight Sunday newspaper and Private Eye's "Ma-jor Bonkers", Mr Reid has been laying bets since his grandmother showed him how to dial her bookie when he was seven

Even so, Mr Reid is dubious. Because we are in a bookies and not at the track, asking for advice is rather like my giving Richard Rogers a box of Lego and asking him to show me how to build a Pompidou Centre. Mr Reid grimaces, sucks his bearded lower lip and looks around the television monitors high on the walls of the little room. "I suppose we could try Brighton," he says. "It's a cheerful enough little course, but..." He looks down the list for the Roedean Handicap as shown in the Sporting Life which sits under its perspex cover by the counter. Mr Reid is obviously not comfortable with the race. The problem, it seems, is not

not have the erotic excitement of a race track, but that you can't really get what Mr Reid keeps calling a "value" bet. "This is real blind betting, of course. It's just for fun. Right. this looks like the nearest you'll get to a value bet." He puts a tenner on Truthful Image at 2-1. I put twenty on Appealing Times. Between us we lose

I'd always vaguely assumed that the odds shown on the TV monitors at a bookies were a reasonable reflection of a horse's chances of winning and that if a horse was marked up at 10-1 it meant that the bookie believed that the statistical probability was that if the same race was run ten times

#### **HEAVY BETTING**

The races where most money was staked in 1991 were:

 Grand National Handicap Chase - Aintree 2. Derby Stakes - Epsom 3. Cheitenham Gold Cup Chase — Cheltenham 4. Eclipse Stakes -

. 2,000 Guineas Stakes 6. King George V1 Chase Kempton

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Source: Ladbrokes

the horse would win once. Equally, I'd always assumed that the punter's eternal incantation "only the bookie always wins" was based on the belief that the men at Ladbrokes William Hill and Corals - the big three bookmakers — could reckon the chances of a horse: winning a race better than the average punter. Not so.

In fact, as Mr Reid explains

it, the odds are a direct reflection of the amount bet on each horse and are arranged by the bookies so that however much they have to pay out to those who have backed the winner, they will always take more from those who have picked losers. Mathematically it is a fairly easy equation to prove. In the Roedean Handicap there were five runners; their prices when we bet were 7-4 and 2,3,6 and 8-1. A quick calculation (dividing the righthand figure in any given odds by the two figures added together) shows that a horse running at 7-4 (4x100/(7+4)) has been deemed to have a 36.4 per cent chance of winning the race. Do the same calculation

bined odds, in a fair - or "round" - book, should add up to 100 per cent. The sum of odds for the five-horse race at Brighton came to 120 per cent the extra 20 per cent is the bookies' margin.

A 20 per cent margin on sales is rather less than that charged by other leisure industry outlets (as the bookies now style themselves) but that is not Mr Reid's real worry. "About 95 per cent of all betting is done in betting shops and really those shops have pulled off something of an entrepreneurial coup. They've turned what was a rather spivvy business in 1961, when Rab Butler legalised betting shops, into a legitimate sector of the leisure industry. I mean the average bookies is a bit like Clockwork Orange on a bad day with all this red plastic decor, and hard self and punters screaming at the screens, but the place still has an attraction about it. And something like £10 million is bet every day in places like

That £10 million should determine the odds, even when the book is over-rounded to 120 per cent or even more. But the odds listed by the big three are not worked out from the returns from the shops but of those bets taken at the track where the remaining 5 per cent of punters are gambling. The opening odds, given at the track, are in fact based on the chances of each horse winning; by the time the starting price (SP) odds appear five or ten minutes later, the numbers have been fine-tuned

by the money taken. "Although there can be substantial numbers of punters at the really big meetings, there are perhaps 1,000 or less at the small tracks for the unimportant races," says Mr Reid. Among those few, small-time punters, though, will be representatives from the big three bookmakers, betting with the on-track, one-man bookies. They are in contact with head office, putting a couple of hundred on a horse here, a couple of hundred there. It's enough to influence the odds but a tiny proportion of the money the betting shops will take on the race.

If most of the gamblers around us are aware that they are getting less than good value for their bets they do not show it, but then I suspect that these low-grade punters don't expect fairness to have anything to do with gambling, any more than New Yorkers handing their money over to numbers racketeer expect a fair deal from the malia. Mr Reid and his fellow full-timers have brought a certain science



to their obsession: the men in Ladbrokes are dealing in no more than luck.

Massaged odds aside, there the question of Satellite Information Services (SIS). the company that broadcasts the odds and the races to the TV monitors in the betting shops. "In the old days, before the government changed the puritanical rules that banned lavatories and comfortable chairs and hot drinks and TV sets from betting shops, the odds came over on a loudspeaker from Extel, which was a totally independent organisation." Mr Reid says.

SIS, on the other hand, is part-owned by the big three. and there are regular rumblings among the heavyweight punters that the occasional time difference between the odds being made at the course and them getting back to the betting shops is less than accidental and is there to give the big three's on-course repre-sentatives time to lay their bets and influence the odds.

s a punter himself, though, Mr Reid's main complaint is that the modern bookies shops are gutless: they simply won't take the big bets that are the mark of the betting hero. "You see the ante-post odds advertised by the big three in the trade press in the morning and one of them looks good value. So you phone them up and say I'll take £5,000 at 12-1, and they say, 'Sorry, but all the twelves have gone', as if the bet was a marketable commodity which they'd sold out of."

This business of betting vast sums of money on individual horses has created the mythology of punting which Mr Reid finds so exciting. The stories in liam Hill himself, who would "Most of the people in think nothing of giving odds

on £50,000 bets, and of professional punters who would think nothing of losing that amount. And it seems to me that every labourer taking the afternoon off to watch his ten bob yankee collapse in the local Corals imagines that he is part of that same mythology.

We need that excitement, the three minutes of pumping adrenaline, the beating heart," Mr Reid says. The man at the Tote window is, by some atavistic extension. pitting his wits against those of the horse. I suggest to Mr Reid that an animal witless enough to take a chance over the crippling Chair at Aintree next weekend makes a pretty poor adversary, wit-wise. "Well there is that point of view, but I

see it as pitting wits against the

here", Mr Reid says looking round the seething shop, "are just having fun. Britons enjoy betting. They are in love with betting. But none of the people in here are risking their homes, or will finish up the afternoon slashing their wrists." None the less, he insists that gambling is most fun when it really is risky. "Yes, I have bet more than I can afford," admits Mr Reid, who refuses to divulge how much his gambling costs him each year, "and I have had that feeling of blind panic when a horse on which I've bet a large amount loses."

Like all of the working gamblers I've ever met ("Añ investor rather than a punter, if you like, although I've always disparaged that term when others use it"), Mr Reid

#### YOU BET WE DO

Te are nation of punters. We wager more a year, a staggering £10 billion, than we spend on beer or on tobacco. Last year two out of every three adults had some kind of a flutter. mostly on the pools, bingo and fruit machines, and on horse racing where the stake money is low, but the rewards can be comparatively large.

A million place higher bets in one of the 119 casinos scattered around the UK. but this accounts for only 3 per cent of the money gambled in the country. The 20 London houses pull in the highest rollers and the big profits. Maxim's was where Robert Maxwell, playing three tables simultaneously, lost £1.5 million in a single night.

Britons who say they gamble admit to betting at least once a day, but 40 per cent said they made a bet once a fortnight. The average gambler spends £100 a year. The typical gambler is a northern male, blue-collar worker aged between 35 and 44. Young professionals aged between 18 and 34 are most likely to put money on a horse. About 15 million people had a flutter on the Grand National last year. Bingo is the only game in which women outnumber men (70:30). There are about 5 million bingo

players.
Pools pay-outs still attract headlines for the occasional big winner, but of the £750 million staked on the pools last year, only £212 million was paid out in winnings. Nearly three-quarters of betting shop takings comes from horse racing. Greyhound rac-ing accounts for 20 per cent of takings, with the rest coming from a wide range of bets including the outcome of the football matches and the

Budget. Ladbrokes stands to lose £5 million either if Elvis Presley turns up alive or if aliens take over the government. from a Mintel Special Report Gambling 1991 (Mintel International Group). A total of 853 people were chosen homes about their eaming

describes losing money with as much, if not more, relish than he describes winning it. He is no fan of the Freudian theory that gamblers are only happy when they are losing, but his description of the gambler's rush in his book — "an intense and pervasive combination of greed, bravura, excitement and fear" - is the sort of thing that gives psychologists a fieldday. Punters may not enjoy losing, but there is always that feeling as the punter watches the fifth horse of his accumulator go down, that losing is the grown-up, manly thing to do. Only when Jamie Reid writes a book which tells heroic tales of intrepid men gam-bling their all, winning, and retiring on the proceeds, will I be entirely convinced by the magnificence of his obsession. ● A Licence to Print Money by Jamie Reid is published by Mac-millan (£17.50) on April 10.

#### 'He is adept at targeting his audiences'

Continued from page 1 of refugees, environmental controls and the duty of the northern countries to finance sustainable development in the south.

Such speeches take time to write, and the Prince draws on a varied pool of advisers, depending on the expertise he

On environmental issues, Commander Richard Aylard. the Prince's private secretary, is acknowledged by Mr Porritt as occasionally being better read than himself. "The Prince is adept at targeting his material according to different audiences," Mr Porritt says. "He is interested in the Jungian theory that the collective unconsciousness is what shapes society, but he will tone down the more spiritual aspect and stick to hard facts if that's what's required for a speech. He is circumspect, too, about who he endorses."

The Prince steers clear of the wackier elements of the Green movement. Although he has met Richard Lovelock, the creator of the Gaia theory of the earth as a living organism. he does not consult him.

is a surprisingly good chair." Lord Young, the chairman of Cable and Wireless and a regular luncher at Kensington Palace, agrees. For instance, the Prince brought together more than 100 international businessmen to talk about the environment at a conference in North Carolina. "Probably they just wanted to be photo-graphed with him, but the results were good. He acts as a sort of corporate conscience. People going to private dinner parties at his London home or Highgrove end the evening by volunteering for all sorts of things they never intended. He's a good nagger," he says. "He is living proof there is no such thing as a free lunch."

Such activities get results, be it the decommissioning of royally disapproved architectural plans for the National Gallery or Paternoster Square, or the funding of The Prince's Trust or repairs to Salisbury cathedral spire. He has a prophetic knack of hitting on subjects which are about to become populist, like green

The insatiable desire to be a catalyst for change results in as dold arealy vical months



issues and holistic medicine.

Leon Krier, the anti-modernist architect who designed



Behind the scenes: some of Prince Charles's best work is done away from the publicity his speeches attract

away during the recession. Poundhury says the Prince is bureaucracy around him, and if he wants to change direction, it is like turning a huge

"It may be slow," Mr Krier says, "but he has turned the The position weighs heavily tide in architecture; created a on Prince Charles. Indeed, his debate where there were just

by protocol. It is always 'Sir' " desire to change the state of

Prince Charles's reign will be quite different from his mother's, if his present operation is anything to go by. No longer does he accept a diary filled in by unthinking ex-Army gents, or give speeches written by civil servants from government departments. Instead, there are vast brainstorming sessions with experts in each field, and his private office will prepare research and the first draft, but the final version bears the royal stamp.

is closest adviser is Commander Aylard in overall charge of the Prince's affairs, who takes a particular interest in conservation and the environment. The deputy private secretary is Peter Westmacott, dealing with education, architecture and European tours. The two assistant private secretaries are Hugh Merrill, who deals with Business in the Community and The Prince's Trust, and, most recently Belinda Harley, a former PR, whose portfolio includes the arts, health and

Their role in relation to Prince Charles is rather like senior civil servants to a government minister. They go on tour, sift the 2,000 or so letters a week, field invitations and requests for patronage, and research or find suitable experts to consult in their areas. At the end of each day, their labours result in a vast box of paperwork, which the Prince

water". If the response is good, and the Prince feels he has struck a chord, the action hots up. Occasionally, interest is such that the Prince thinks it worthwhile to put across his views in a film, the last two being The Earth in Balance. and the architectural critique. A Vision of Britain. Coming up next year is his book on organic farming and gardening on the Highgrove estate.

Since the early 1980s, when the Prince launched his first assaults on the architectural and medical professions, he has grown in confidence and stature. The initial signs that the variety of interests were symptomatic of a want of concentration seem to have faded. He knows his stuff, or at least, he knows his pet experts. The apprentice king, with time to educate himself, has developed a consistent line of thought.
Of course, some of his

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ibjects are convinced Prince Charles's theories are outlandish, if not barking mad. The spiritual and philosophical as-pect of his crusade is considered either embarrassing, or half-baked in some parts of the realm, and debates are unfairly weighted in his direction, for no ordinary citizen would gain such a hearing. He is acceptable when fenced in by constitutional requirements of neutrality, but the day he slips into politics the response may be less benign.

Yet even the staunchest dis-

ers were forced to use wood and cork to keep their customers' feet dry and, once

again, women loved the extra inches.

The great shoemaker of this period (perhaps the greatest ever) was Salvatore Ferragamo who, working in Hollywood in the 1920s, had invented platform

shoes to make diminutive stars such as

Theda Bara look more imposing. Back

in Italy, when wartime and post-war

shortages forced designers to improvise,

he used raffia, straw, hemp, cork and wood to create towering structures of

was in their perfect balance and comfort. He had studied the anatomy of the foot and comfort was

always his first priority. In responding to exigency, however, Signor Ferragamo

created not just a practical solution but a sexy one as well. Fashion historian Colin McDowell, author of Shoes: Fashion and Fantasy (Thames & Hudson) speculates that there is an erotic charge to the

idea of a fragile female foot in a far from

fragile shoe.

There has always been an erotic charge to anything which encumbers women and makes them more vulnerations.

here Signor Ferragamo's platform shoes differed from those of his imitators

great ingenuity and beauty.

#### Stuck in an ugly office? Design kits offer a way to soothing interiors



Setting patterns: Joanna Macrae

## **Striking** mix and match

ompanies will soon have no excuse for choosing boring beige or safe grey to improve their corporate image — they will be able to call on an interior designer-in-a-box. The box of tricks which creates instance of box of tricks which creates instant off-the-peg schemes is the invention of Joanna Macrae, a Perthshire interior designer, who has put together 230 carpets, wall coverings, upholstery and curtain fabrics which all co-ordinate throughout any of six colourways. It is, she claims, almost impossible to mismatch any of the parts.

The six colour brackets - yellow, bluegrey, terracotta, heathery pink, green-turquoise and creamy-beige — each have a selection of patterns and textures which cross-refer to the various colour boards. All the designs are textured or patterned, avoiding the severe blocks of solid brown upholstery which blight so

For a £60 fee, businesses can acquire the harbox-sized kit containing samples of all the products, as well as advice on how to put a decorative scheme together. Mixing, which could produce up to 40,000 variations on a theme, Ms Macrae says, will limit the chances of companies hitting on the same corporate image. What it amounts to is a tapestry effect, where combinations produce different colour emphases," she says.

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Ms Macrae believes more thought should be given to matching the use of colour to the type of work being done in a room. "Vibrant colours make workers tired and strident contrasts can contribthe to tension," she says. "Subtle pat-terns, which provide a soothing backdrop, can help people feel that their office is generally a pleasant place in

which to spend a day.

The "Case for Design" is not only intended for the high-street solicitor looking for a foolproof design package, but for other professional decorators and for applications. and for architects. Ms Macrae's company, Northwood Designs, has been specialising in corporate and hotel contracts for the past ten years. "I became more and more frustrated that I had to go outside Britain to get the exciting and interesting fabrics I wanted," she says. "We seemed to be stuck on hard colours in this country, emerald green and pub red, rather than the soft, subtle tones and textures which work so

There is, in some employers' minds, a feeling that since coffee will inevitably be spilled, it is as well to make the decor match," Ms Macrae says. "I find that if you give people a pleasant atmosphere to work in, they tend to be more careful."

Shoes soar to new heights ashion may be cyclical but there are certain aberrations which would seem certain never to be The Seventies revival has brought in its wake what many women most dreaded. But the platform shoe is taking off, reports Brenda Polan

recycled. The platform sole is one such. After all, the world is full of women with scarred knees and embarrassed memories of being betrayed by

manage to give them up.

is one of the ideals of feminine beauty

constant through most cultures. The secret of their allure is in the extra height

they impart. Height, in both men and

their footwear. However, unlikely as some may find it. a major wedgie revival is under way. The final official sanction has been bestowed by Karl Lagerfeld, whose autumn ready-to-wear collection shown in Paris last week features deep-soled leather boots. They roused nostalgic shudders in some of those who were hip in the early Seventies — but not in all of them. In the front row both the editor and deputy editor of Vogue were wearing platform soles by Maud Frizon and Stephane Kelian respectively.

Relian respectively.

It is several years since Vivienne Westwood reintroduced platforms to a seemingly unresponsive world, and only the young British designers most heavily under her influence followed in her teetering footsteps. High-street shops such as Sacha and Derber starting selling platforms a year or so ago. Now the upper end of the market is tentatively the upper end of the market is tentatively

stacking its soles, too.
"There is", says Paul Lennard, designer for Derber and Sacha, "going to be a platform explosion this summer, and, although we were using a wonderfully light synthetic material for last winter's platforms, for summer we are going back to using wood and cork, as they did in the 1940s."

He says, however, that the shoes will better engineered this time. "In the Seventies many shoemakers simply stuck another sole on to the bottom of a conventional shoe. The balance was wrong — that's why women toppled. This time technological advances have enabled us to get the balance right."

Early 1970s woman clambered on to platform soles as part of a droopy midi-skirted 1940s revival and discovered the joy of getting above armpit-level in a crowded room. She wore her clompy ankle-wrenchers with everything, especially her pavement-grazing loon pants and trailing ethnic skirts. When fashion moved on, bereft wedgie-wearers wan-dered unrecognised among acquaintances who had never before seen

them from above. Some of them, like The Queen, The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, never did quite feet (cute, says M Lennard reprovingly): consider instead the illusion of six extra Platforms in general and wedgies in inches of leg. Moreover, tall people are particular are a very strange phenome-non when one reflects that a dainty foot not overlooked; they have presence. Looking down on the rest of the species

- or at least being able to look it in the eye - makes men and women feel in

Another revival of wedges was inevitable once fashion designers began playing with the shapes of the 1970s. "The timing was right, too," says Shelly Robbins of Shelly's Shoes which produces designs by Helen Storey and Chost as well as Katharine Hamnett, Joe Casely-Hayford, John Richmond and Jean-Paul Gauthier Jean-Paul Gaultier.

"People are bored with flat shoes. Stilettos are difficult to wear and, for young women, associated with tartiness. Wedges are a natural progression for people who like wearing Dr Martens and large trainers."

As with so many of fashion's excesses, this one had practical origins. The first platform soles were tie-on affairs de-signed to keep ill-shod feet out of the mud. The affluent may have adopted them for practical purposes, but redesigned and exaggerated them for reasons of vanity. In 16th-century Venice, where flooded streets were the excuse, pattens reached such heights (as much as 18 inches) that ladies of fashion could not stagger out of doors without a dwarfed lackey at each elbow. The second world war revival of

platforms owed everything to a shortage of leather, metal and rubber. Shoemak-

ble and less agile. But this is clearly not what women sought in Dr Martens and trainers. They loved them for their comfort and tough-guy image. But the boredom threshold of the fashionable is low and women have always been prepared to suffer in the cause of fashion. "One of the best sellers this summer," says M Lennard, "is the wooden clog with a leather upper rivetted on. Customers are going for the crudest, most extreme styles." At Ferragamo, where Salvatore's daughter, Marchesa Fiamma di San

Giuliano Ferragamo, is head of design, this spring's designs include a few minimal one-inch platforms. "It is clearly", she says, "part of the Seventies look. Women like it because it makes them look taller and it makes their legs and ankles look slimmer. But I do know that makes the look slimmer. But I do know that makes the look slimmer. that many men do not like it on women."

The man with the long view, Colin McDowell, predicts a brief totter for the 1990s platform. "Women may be pre-pared to put up with some discomfort for the sake of fashion. But not for long. They have learned to value comfort and agility too much."



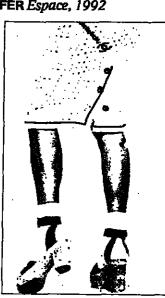












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Authentic period interiors are taking starring roles in a generation of films and television series

#### he television The Camomile Lawn turned a house on a Cornwall clifftop into a star. Now Merchant Ivory's film adaptation of E M Forster's novel Howard's End gives a wisteria-covered cottage near Henley in Oxfordshire a star-

ring role. Ismail Merchant, the producer of Howard's End. agrees that the presentation of a special house is emblematic of Merchant Ivory films. More essentially, property and location are fundamental to the plot of Howard's End. Howard's End was published in 1910 and tells the story of two families - the emotional, cultural Schlegels and the unimaginative, conventional Wilcoxes. The drama is played out against the backdrop of the middle classes' fashionable approach

to home decoration. The meticulous attention to period detail and pictorial Liushness of previous Merchant Ivory productions have evoked the comment from the director Alan Parker that these are "Laura Ashley films". This time the scene is set - literally - by the wallpaper and fabric company Sanderson.

The painstaking research required to create authentic Edwardian interiors fell to Luciana Arrighi, a production designer who trained at the BBC and has designed sets and costumes for opera. theatre and films in England, Europe and Australia.

Her work on other period pieces, including The Return of the Soldier and My Brilliant Career, meant she was already well versed in Edwardiana. For Howard's End. Ms Arrighi drew on

## And now, an Oscar for the wallpaper

Sanderson's huge design archive containing more than 20,000 wallpaper and fabric samples, pattern books, design reference books, photographs and original artwork.
All of the wallcovering and fabric designs shown in the film are reproductions of historical patterns sourced at

Sanderson. For example, Aunt Juley's house filmed at Blackpool Sands in Devon is furnished with Cassandra, a Sanderson design featuring exotic flowers and trailing

fabric with tea, distressing wallpaper with

stains with shellac, bleaching upholstery and spraying painted walls are among Ms Arrighi's tricks of the trade.

Wickham Place, the Schlegel's London home (filmed in Victoria Square, SW1) with its elaborate drap-ery and lace curtains, offers views of the Wilcox's mansion block flat in which a cluttered drawing room harks back to the over-ornamentation of Victorian time.

Looking at paintings of the period proved a great inspiration for Ms Arrighi: "In the Schiegel London house I

wanted Whistler-like colours, so the hallway panelling is painted light blue to indicate how avant-garde the Schlegel sisters were. In contrast to the cool greys and blues of the Schlegel house we had the opulent rich burgundies and reds for the Wilcox London

Because I work with reams of painters, it was important to colour swatch the whole film to retain precise control of the look of each interior." At Howard's End, she wanted the country, nature

and the garden to come into

the house. So she used

inspired by a block-printed border originally manufac-tured by Sanderson in 1912, and Oakwood Border, a wallpaper border based on an archive document from the 1860s. Further historical designs

used in the house include Acorn Willow and Vine printed fabrics adapted from wall-paper designs by William Morris from the 1870s. Period colour schemes such

as terracotta or sage and the Edwardian vogue for pretty floral fabrics and rose, trellis or striped wallpaper are



Setting the scene: Howard's End interiors, above, were researched at the Sanderson library

recreated at Howard's End along with the use of wide cut-out borders, fashionable at

According to Sanderson's archivist, Lesley Hoskins, "Furnishing with antiques was too expensive for most middle-class Edwardians so matching suites of reproduction furniture were common. Rooms were decorated in different historical styles depending on their function. The most famous design for the drawing room was an elegant 18th-century look.

Those who had any artistic cultural or intellectual aspirations furnished their homes in the Arts and Crafts style," she says. "This origi-nated in the 1860s in reaction to machine-made and naturalistic ornamentation of the mid-19th century. Arts and Crafts designers looked back to medieval crafts processes and followed the principles of honesty in craftsmanship, truth to materials and the use of conventionalised patterns."

How much of the interior decoration in Howard's End is Luciana Arrighi's vision of Edwardian England and how much Forster's? "The book gave me enormous guidelines," says Ms Arrighi. I have translated the descriptions visually. When working on Howard's End I always went back to the book to get the right spirit."

NICOLE SWENGLEY Designs On Film, an exhibition of sketches, photographs and tableaux from Howard's End runs from April 4-May 9 at Sanderson, 52 Berners Street, London W1. Howard's End. directed by James Ivory and pro-duced by Ismail Merchant is COTSWOLD SHEEP FROM

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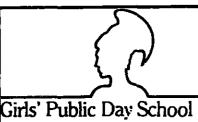
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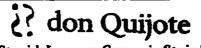
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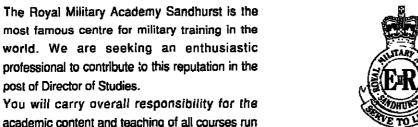
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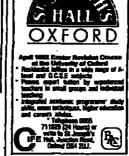
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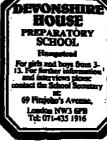




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# **EDUCATION TIMES**

In the second of a series of election reports, Matthew d'Ancona looks at student woes of frozen grants, axed benefits and rising debt

## **Voters** can give hungry students food for thought

wrote of the needy Oxford scholar, hollow-cheeked with penary and melan-choly with hunger, students are still complaining about their lot. Twenty thousand of them marched through London last month in protest at hardship in higher education, hoping to sway the parliamentary committee which was then considering the future of student support.

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In the event, the committee reached an unexpected impasse and decided to publish little more than a dossier of evidence. The questions which the enquiry was supposed to have addressed have, in effect, been delegated to the

Students were a favourite target in the stern climate of the 1980s, caricatured as privileged leeches on the body of the welfare state who guzzled the taxpayers' millions and then demanded more. But now, as examples of real hardship multiply. the picture is less clear.

"Most people see students as troublemakers or drug-smokers," says Judith Faul, aged 22, who is reading linguistics at the University of East Anglia. "It annoys me because it's difficult enough to study without worrying about mon-ey. What do you do if you don't know where the next meal is coming from?"

Miss Faul fell ill at the end of last year and was urged to suspend her studies until she recovered. As a result she lost her grant, and now owes her local authority £500. In spite of this, she cannot claim income support. She is able to budget only £10 a week for food, cannot afford over-the-counter medicines, and has almost exhaust-

Hard cases are often dismissed as exceptional. But current statistics confirm that the levels of debt afflicting students can no longer be laughed off as the character-buildate career. The average overdraft at UEA is now £1,000, according to its student union.

A survey published last month showed that 49 per cent of students at the London School of Economics and Political Science were in debt and that 18 per cent owed more than £1,000. Similarly bleak findings were released in January by the Polytechnic of the South West.

David Ingram, vice chancellor of Kent University, says that the problem is clear, although difficult to quantify. "I have the general sense that students are being hit by the removal of housing benefit and the freezing of the grant, and we're noticing that more are tunning up debt. The public do seem to feel this time that the students have a case."

Part of the problem is the nature of this recession which has not spared the middle-class heardands of the south-east. Some 21 per cent of the respondents to the LSE survey said that one or both of their parents had been out of work at some stage in the past two years, a factor which has naturally taken its toll on parental contributions to grants. At the same time, students are no longer able to rely on casual vacation work for extra income.

The grant itself has failed conspicuously to keep pace with infla-tion. In real terms, the current annual award of £2,265 outside London is 24 per cent less than it was in 1978, and has been frozen since 1990. Student loans have offset this decline to some extent, and are being taken up by increasing numbers of students.

This month, the government announced a 25 per cent increase the maximum loan, keeping the "grant-plus-loan" package — the basis of Conservative policy on student support — above inflation. But, the National Union of Students complains, even the top-up loan leaves little room to breathe. citing its recent survey which showed that students spent 74 per



Banner headlines: 20,000 students marched through London last month to protest about grants

cent of their income on rent in

Both Opposition parties are committed to the abolition of loans and to an increased grant. Labour would immediately use the funds released from the loans system to push up the real value of the award, while the Liberal Democrats go further in promising to phase out the parental contribution altogether and introduce an entirely new student income entitlement, supplemented by a student allowance. Perhaps the most immediate funding question facing the next government will be the tangle

caused by the withdrawal of benefits. A £25 million access fund was set up after students lost income support and housing benefit in 1990, although the year before they had claimed at least £68 million in these entitlements. Over-subscription to the new fund has already led colleges to borrow from resources allocated for future use. The Liberal Democrats would restore the withdrawn benefits, while Labour favours targeted housing assistance and will shortly announce plans for

vacation support. The re-structuring of higher education and the massive drive for

low-cost recruitment mean that students (and their parents) have much to lose in the years ahead. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals said recently that lack of state aid may force universities to impose a top-up fee of £1,250

In 1963, the Robbins report declared that higher-education courses "should be made available to all those who are qualified by ability and attainment to pursue them". The lot of students may not be a major issue in the election; but its result will be a crucial test of this

## **Photos miss** full picture

unther and higher education has featured in the election campaign largely as campaign largely as a photo opportunity for the party leaders. Fleeting conversations with students, surrounded by the most modern technology, presents just the right image for television news.

Debate on the issues has been much harder to find, perhaps because the recent passage of the Further and Higher Education Act has exhausted the campaigning possibilities. The Conservatives had most to say on the subject in their manifesto, but they had no new proposals to make.

Labour is yet to mount its education offensive, although it is already committed to the establishment of a Higher Education Standards Council and to a reform of student finance. The Liberal Democrats propose to widen the brief of Her Majesty's In-

dude universities: The parties to introduce dihave been plomas for students wanting less than a full trying to outbid degree course; and to abolish each other on fees for part-time the scale of courses as part of their student fiexpansion nance package. Apart from the

standing differences over student loans, higher appear to have been sufficient to education offers an unusual degree of consensus. The contentious subjects in post-school education are those which usually pass the electorate by: further and adult education.

The main parties have been trying to outbid each other on the scale of expansion in higher education. The Tories are committed to increasing by a third the proportion of school leavers going on to de-grees and higher diplomas, while both Labour and the Liberal Democrats promise to double the number of students. All parties accept (but hardly stress) that the result will be larger teaching groups and more crowded campuses.

The main point of the Further and Higher Education Act involved the promotion of polytechnics to university status. The Tories have taken the credit for the change, but there has been little capital to be made since their opponents supported the policy. Opposition to student loans may

be more widespread, but is still likely to be concentrated in pre-dominantly middle-class constitu-

encies. The National Union of Students has tried to overcome the difficulty of an out-of-term election by encouraging postal voting. It has targeted 70 marginal seats where its members could be influential. The union claims that 60,000 students have registered for postal votes, although it is not possible to

verify its figures. Conservative defeats in student constituencies have been few and far between, even in term-time elections, but the other two parties believe parental concern over student finances could swing seats. Tory candidates must hope that the improved take-up of loans indicates acceptance of the principle.

They must hope, too, that opposition among traditional Conserva-

tive voters to changes in adult education funding will not resurface before poll-ing day. The strength of feeling sion of adult education courses inbroadly vocational and re-

creational cateoverride party loyalties on the main

campaign issues. The same may go for further education, which is a less obvious vote-winner for Labour. The party is promising to maintain local-authority responsibility for more than 500 colleges, which have been granted independence. Most further-education principals relish the opportunity to emulate the success of the polytechnics, although there is less confidence at the sixth-form colleges, which will also become

Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats promise corporate sta-tus for both types of college, but see advantages in maintaining traditional local links. Labour proposes to involve the Training and Enterprise Councils in a new planning network, while the Conservatives would implement plans for a national funding system.

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## **History in the making**

VENTURE into St Albans cathedral on any morning during term-time and you will find the building buzzing with activity. You may encounter Abbot Paul of Caen, resplendent in purple mitre and carrying a gold crozier, instructing his master craftsmen to rebuild the crumbling Saxon monastery in the new Norman style. You may find yourself releasing a heliumfilled balloon to measure the height of an arch, or meeting King Offa, and you will al-most certainly witness the dramatic execution of Alban by Roman soldiers.

A medieval monk may be painstakingly illuminating a manuscript or you may become involved in the Peasants' Revolt. In short, you may find yourself — as astonished tourists frequently do - caught up in a re-enactment of the rich and fruitful history of this unique building, which next year celebrates the 800th anniversary of its foundation as a

Benedictine monastery. St Albans Cathedral Education Centre uses the building. and the Roman city of Verulamium which it overlooks, as a multi-purpose resource, bringing history, geography, architecture, reli-gion, literature, art, craft and even mathematics to life.

Established eight years ago at the suggestion of the cathedral's sub-dean, Colin Slee, the centre tomorrow receives its second full Sandford Award from the Heritage Education Trust in recognition of its outstanding work.

Susanna Ainsworth, the centre's education officer and a former secondary teacher. has two full-time office staff and 40 skilled volunteers. Despite cramped office accommodation and scant resources, she and her col-

St Albans cathedral has expanded its historical teaching to include the Black Death and Peasants' Revolt



Where there's a quilt how they wrote in medieval times

leagues plan and implement an ambitious range of handson tours and practical workshops for primary and secondary pupils, including programmes for groups with special needs.

They offer an impressive range of carefully-researched off-the-peg activities, with programmes such as Black Death and Peasants' Revolt tying in with National Curriculum requirements. These activities are backed up by visits to schools and substantial information packs.

Most are in the form of historical role-plays with cos-turnes, deverly-chosen props and beautifully-produced badges of office. The medieval craftsmen's trail, for example, centres on the construction of the building and involves the use of building materials, chisels, saws, mallets and paints which the children are

encouraged to handle and, where possible, use in situ. Workshop activities include Roman calligraphy on wax tablet or scroll, stained glass, mosaics, illuminated lettering

and heraldry. They are not offered in isolation, but form the focal point of a wide-

ranging experience.
Ms Ainsworth believes the centre's strength is its ability to respond to the precise needs of a particular group. Recently it has tailor-made programmes on the Five Senses, Shape, Old and New, the Victorian Classroom and even Vikings.

"We have to cater for all sorts of requests and abilities. Some children are thoroughly prepared before they come here and obviously they get more out of a visit," she says. Others know nothing and we have to adapt accordingly. That's where the training

comes in."
Ten thousand children passed through the centre last year and demand is increasing. Running costs are a mere £45,000 a year and charges to schools a minimal £1 per child per activity.

Unlike wealthier establishments such as York Minster, St Albans cathedral can offer only modest financial support to the enterprise. The centre is appealing for £300,000 for equipment and to give the salaried staff security of tenure.

Canon Slee believes the centre is at the most exciting point in its history. "We have proved the centre's value with infant and junior age-groups, but there are huge areas to tackle in higher and further education, not least in training teachers how to use places like this. There is also scope in colleges of art, architecture and building. The possibilities are endiess."

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he New Scientist appeared this week with no editor or deputy editor listed on its masthead. The features editor has also disappeared, and Roy Herbert, the veteran columnist and author of the most consistently readable feature in the magazine, signed off with a valedictory piece. The world's only consumer magazine about science is starting to look like one of those black holes it is

always writing about.

New Scientist is 36 years old, a

well-established title that over the years has made excellent profits for IPC, its owners. Its appeal, even to occasional readers, is in its ability to combine academic scholarship and newsworthiness with a particular quality that some would call English

amateurishness. The tone of the magazine often suggests a dedication to its subject beyond the call of normal journalistic duty.

Now IPC — itself part of Reed International's global publishing empire — has decided to reorientate the title. IPC is aiming to keep the magazine's 100,000 buyers and, over the next few years, add 30,000 to 40,000 who, though interested in science, find New Scientist a little too 'white-coatish", in the words of IPC managers at the magazine's headquarters on the south bank of the Thames.

Mike Tudball, managing director of IPC Holborn group, says: "The title New Scientist, for those who do not know the magazine. says. This is a very cerebral magazine ... I'm not going to under-stand it because I didn't do

"But, almost without exception, if you give it to people to read, they come back and say: 'What a wonderful magazine.

Why tinker with a successful product? New Scientist makes money, between £3 million and £4 million a year, it is said: during the latter part of the 1980s, it was the jewel in the IPC crown.

The core of its revenue was astonishingly well-packed classi fied advertising pages laden with jobs. The recession has hit hard -

revenue is down by a third from the dizzy heights of three years ago
— but the magazine still makes

plenty.

IPC's managers may also be worried by the possibility that Gruner & Jahr, the German publishers of the women's titles, Best and Prima, may be considering starting a popular-science title in Britain this autumn.

Sylvia Auton, the publishing director, who also looks after Amateur Photographer magaz-ine. says New Scientist must reach

men, civil servants and MPs who can't read copy-heavy journals". Hence the re-design, with "a little more white space, more pic-tures and diagrams, and in content terms more information technology, electronics and communi-

cations."
The list sounds suspiciously like a strategy to encourage business to buy display advertising. But Ms Auton says the changes are editorially inspired. "We are not," she says, "just running after a few

Yet conflict looms. Relations between the management and the journalists were described last week as "awful".

While it may seem careless to have no editor or deputy in place during such a rethink, it is not just misfortune that sees the title also without a features editor. Al-though described by fellow staff members as "one of the best science journalists we have ever had here", she has left.

Add to this an imminent industrial relations tribunal hearing -Peter Wrobel, the leader of IPC's National Union of Journalists branch, was a New Scientist writer who has also been made redun-dant — and a level of simmering resentment on the shop floor, highlighted by the departure of two more features staff in the next fortnight. The prospects for quick-

fire success do not appear rosy. "Basically," says a former em-ployee, "the staff wanted to keep control of its evolution. So there is eat reluctance to make the changes management wants." David Dickson, the last editor,

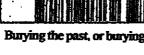


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#### **EVOLUTION'S WAY OF DEATH**

Arizona: taxed for water Life and times of a chameleon star Vietnam's threatened environment

Burying the past, or burying the future? New Scientist is still a flagship publication, but new plans have led to disquiet in the ranks



is said to have left because he could not stand the cost-cutting restraints imposed by manage-

One staffer says: "We need a good leader. David was installed as editor because he would let management make the changes it

The peculiar nature of the magazine, its range, its depth, its humour, seems to be ending," says Dr Bernard Dixon, a former editor who presided over Nev

Scientist between 1969 and 1979

and remains close to the title.

"What's happening there seems so perplexing a scenario that it's extraordinary."

Certainly, staff are dismayed. We're having to use more and more freelance writers," a longtime sufferer comments. "The result is that we have less and less

involvement with what goes in."
Mr Tudball says: "We're not going to rush at this. We are evolving not revolving and there's no revolution. Generally, in the Western world, science is no longer 'sexy', it is under-funded.
"Of course New Scientist will continue to write about the big ideas. But applied science, technology in particular, is a world-

wide reality "Our brief is not to lose words; to the core readership, the words are very important. But the number of platforms in the magazine for

the debate of issues, soap-boxes for columnists, has grown too much. "We will introduce more minifeatures in the areas we should be beefing up, such as transport, food, en ev, business technology those sections in which science is an everyday reality.'

As well as the format and content changes, Mr Tudball has cupboards that are full of expansion plans. There are deals with European publishers, monthly digests, pages syndicated to regional newspapers in Britain and overseas, growth in the Australian market, and New Scientist elec-

tronic databases. The list is impressive; IPC's management obviously sees where it wants New Scientist to go. Whether it will get there with much of its demoralised staff is a

about 2.5 acres of water, assuming an average depth of about one

metre. Barley straw is better than

The straw discovery followed the

observation of a farmer who noticed that algae virtually disap-

peared from a stream when some

Algae are a growing problem in

many lakes. They flourish in sunshine, and as well as being

unsightly can produce chemicals

that are poisonous to animals and

humans. The straw solution is

better than chemical algicides, because it seems to have no effect

on higher life forms such as fish.

Now it seems possible that forest

NIGEL HAWKES

waste will be equally effective.

old rotten bales of straw fell in.

UPDATE

#### **Farewell** flora

FORTY thousand plant species may be lost by the middle of the next century, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation says. Population growth, environmental destruction and the narrowing range of agricultural crops all threaten the diversity of the world's plants.

Last month, Britain's agriculture ministry published a report recommending greater funding for gene banks, and a new strategy for conserving plant genes.

#### **Martian arts**

JAPAN plans to send its first satellite to Mars in 1996. Planet-B will go into a 150-mile orbit around the red planet to measure magnetic fields and plasma particles as part of an investigation of the Martian atmosphere, Japa-nese Space Activities Commission officials said last week.

#### Peat aid

KEW Gardens has endorsed the use of coir, a coconut-based substitute for peat for growing plants in an attempt to reduce destruction of peat bogs. Coir is made by ICI from waste materials left after the long fibres have been removed from coconut husks for rope and

Large piles of the waste, containing 10,000 tons or more, have been built up over the years in Sri Lanka, and are being mixed with fertilisers to create a multi-purpose compost suitable for seeds and cuttings. Though the material is 20 per cent more expensive than peat, ICI believes many gardeners will switch to it.

#### Aids trial

SCIENTISTS at Sahlgrenska hospital in Gothenburg are to start clinical trials of a new Aids vaccine within the next six months. The vaccine uses peptides from the outer coating of the virus to elicit an antibody response.

The Swedes hope that these peptides are the same in every version of HIV, and that the vaccine will create antibodies effective against all the strains found in Aids patients.

#### **Keep off Yew**

WOODMAN, spare that tree. California has introduced legislation to protect the Pacific yew from the chainsaw. The yew is threatened because it is the source of a drug, taxol, now being tested against advanced breast and ovarian cancers. Although there are now synthetic routes for creating taxol, yews continue to be felled, according to Byron Sher, a member of the California Assembly. It takes 340,000 kilograms of yew bark to produce 25 kilograms of taxol at a cost of more than \$600,000 a kilogram.

#### Quake warning

DOES the Earth transmit radio signals just before earthquakes? Some scientists think so and believe they could be used as an

early-warning system.
Satellites and ground sensors detected mysterious radio waves or related electrical and magnetic activity before earthquakes in



Earthquake tragedy: does the Earth give a warning?

southern California during 1986-87, Armenia in 1988, and Japan and northern California in 1989. The long-wavelength signals seem to be detectable only before earthquakes greater than 5 or 6 on the Richter scale.

#### Ozone probe

THE search for holes in the ozone layer over the northern hemi-sphere by National Aeronautics and Space Administration aircraft has ended, but the results are not due to be announced until next month. The ER-2 aircraft returned to its base at the Ames Research Centre in California last week, where the results will be

Both the Nasa flights and European studies have shown high levels of ozone-destroying chemicals, but have not yet reported any actual evidence of ozone thinning or of holes.

#### Fighting fug

MEXICO City, one of the world's dirtiest urban sprawls, is finally taking strong action to reduce air pollution. Cars will be banned for two days a week, the most polluting industries will be allowed to operate at only 30 per cent output and half of all public vehicles will be taken off the roads.

The measures, intended to last four weeks, follow record pollution levels in the city. After that, the authorities hope, weather condi-N. H. tions will disperse the polllution.

Natural allies: Forest streams are clear and sparkling . . , why?

## Fount of algae knowledge

A FOUNTAIN in the centre of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, is the unusual setting for an experiment in controlling algae using a natural substance -

rotting wood.

Dr Irene Ridge of the biology department at the Open University has found that old, crumbling wood from fallen trees contains some ingredient that kills algae in laboratory tests. This summer, assisted by Mike Street of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation, she intends to try it out on a larger scale in the fountain. The discovery follows earlier work establishing that straw has the same effects, although the mechanism remains mysterious.

Dr Ridge believes that the rotting wood and fallen litter that

Women's tights packed with rotting wood are yielding scientific secrets

can be picked up in any forest contains some high molecular weight chemical that inhibits the growth of the algae. This may be one reason, she says, why streams that flow through forests emerge clean and sparkling.

Last summer some preliminary experiments were carried out in the Milton Keynes fountain, using brown rotted wood packed into womens' tights and then into sacks and immersed in the water. This year's tests will involve immersing the wood for a period, then taking it out, and observing the effect on the algae.

Dr Ridge does not know whether ordinary sawdust would do the job, but suspects that composted bark, of the type sold in garden centres as a mulch, might have similar effects.

The effects of straw are now quite well proven. Work at the Agriculture and Food Research Council's Aquatic Weed Research Centre at Sonning, Berkshire, is now concentrating on identifying the ingredient responsible.

the research, has said that two or three bales of straw are sufficient to destroy freshwater algae over

Mr Pip Barrett, who is leading

## Japan falls victim to a Western malaise

hen the Japanese launched their fifth-generation computer project ten years ago, a shudder went through Western governments. Was Japan about to daim the future for itself with a range of computers that could challenge human intelligence?

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The answer, it appears, is no. The project was due to end tomorrow, but has been extended for a year in an attempt to come closer to achieving its ambitious Although it has some reasonable

results to show, the fifth-generation project proves that Japan is not immune to the kind of government-inspired mismanagement of research which is familiar in the

The lesson of the past ten years is that sometimes it is better to plan less and leave more to individual initiative and inspiration.

In 1982 the Ministry of International Trade and Industry in Tokyo launched the project to create an intelligent computer

with 1,000 processors connected

A ten-year-old computer project is failing to meet its ambitious targets

in parallel. The idea was to increase the power of the computer by dividing up tasks between a large number of processors all working at once, instead of one after the other in a conventional

The idea is sound, but the Institute of New Computer Technology (ICOT) established by MITI and leading Japanese computer companies has found it difficult to carry out.

By now, they should have had the 1,000-processor machine in operation, but in fact they are still hurrying to complete a 512processor machine in time for the final international conference on the project in June.

Despite spending more than \$400 million and employing al-

most 300 researchers, 90 at ICOT and the rest in industry, the results have been disappointing. Companies that have participated in the project now show little interest in continuing.

While Japan has singlemindedly pursued the targets set in 1982, researchers elsewhere have shifted their aim. Neural networks, computers based on similar architecture to the brain, are now seen as more promising than the more traditional approach tried by ICOT.

Attempts to use the Japanese machines in collaborative ventures with researchers in the United States have produced little. According to one research worker quoted in Nature last week, the fifth-generation machines in the United States are now "essentially doorstops" and are used mainly for electronic mail, scarcely the ambitious targets originally set for

One particular collaboration went disastrously wrong. The Argonne National Laboratory of the Department of Energy was given



two fifth-generation machines by the Japanese, with the object of developing software so that the computers could be used to analyse data from the human genome

Officials from the DoE stepped in and halted the project, ostensibly because they feared that sharing technology might help the Japanese and irritate Congress at a time when anti-Japanese feeling is running strong. According to

Nature, the officials need not have worried; the collaboration had achieved nothing worthwhile

anyway.

One of the responses to the original Japanese plan was the Alvey Programme in Britain, also generally reckoned a failure. The experience proves, at least, that the all-conquering Japanese are capable of making mistakes. The chances are that they are also capable of learning from them.

MITI is now working on a sixth-

generation computer, but plans a less rigid approach. Its ambitions remain vast; in ten years it hopes to see a one-million processor machine, a thousand times as big as the one the fifth-generation project has so far failed to build. To avoid comparisons with the failed fifth generation, it has chosen a different title: the "fourdimensional" computer.



## Purpose of judicial review

Regina v Independent Tele- LORD TEMPLEMAN said vision Commission, Ex parte that the provisions of the 1990 Act inevitably created a number TSW Broadcasting Ltd Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Lowry

[Speeches March 26] Members of the Independent Television Commission had carefully considered the application of Television South West for a Channel 3 licence, in particular with regard to its revenue forecasts. costs and profitability, as well as the amount of the bid.

Their decision rejecting the application on the ground that TSW would not be able to maintain the service throughout the 10-year period of the licence was not one with which the court would interfere by way of judicial

The House of Lords so stated giving reasons for dimissing an appeal by TSW from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nolan and Lord Justice Steyn, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, dissenting) (The Times February 7) which had dismissed their application for judicial review of the ITC's defor a licence under the Broadcasting Act 1990. The successful applicant had been Westcountry Television Ltd.

Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr Geoffrey Vos for TSW: Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr David Pannick for ITC: Mr Thomas Morison, QC and Mr William J. Wood for Westcountry TV.

of problems for the ITC and for

His Lordship reviewed the facts of the case and concluded that in view of the evidence there was no scope for the court to intervene. The members of the ITC had carefully considered the application and its crucial forecasts of revenue, costs, profitability and the amount of the bid.

They found that in the light of their general experience, and particular experience of the 40 bids for Channel 3 licences, it did not appear to them that TSW would be able to maintain the service for the licence period. They were therefore bound to reject the application.

Parliament might by statute confer powers and discretions and impose duties on a decision maker who might be an individ-ual, a body of persons or a corporation. It might or might not provide machinery for an appeal against a decision, which might be concerned with fact or law or both and might or might not involve the courts of law. Where Parliament had not pro-

vided for an appeal from a decision maker the courts were not to invent an appeal machinery. Here Parliament had conferred powers and discretions and had imposed duties on the ITC. It had not provided an appeal machinery Even if the ITC had made mistakes of fact or of law there

remedy of judicial review not to provide an appeal machinery but to ensure that the decision maker did not exceed or abuse his

The rules of natural justice did not render a decision invalid because the decision maker or his advisers made a mistake of fact or

Only if the reasons given by the ITC disclosed illegality, irrationality or procedural impropriety could the decision be open to judicial review: see Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service ([1985] AC 374, 410) and Assoiated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation (1948) I KB 223, 228-229). The procedure adopted by the

ITC for the consideration of applications was admirable. The papers and evidence disclosed that the qualified staff and the experienced members of the ITC carried out their duties properly. TSW's criticisms of staff assessment paper 179/91 only amounted to an ingenious invitation to the court to substitute its own views for those of the ITC

and to much or refer back the

decision with an indication that

the court was impressed with the criticisms and took a more favourable view of TSW's application than the ITC had done. Judicial review did not issue merely because a decision maker had made a mistake and it was not permissible to probe the

particulars or administer

ine in order to discover the existence of a mistake by him or his advisers.

Where a decision was made in good faith following a proper procedure and as a result of conscientious consideration an applicant for judicial review was not entitled to relief save on the rrounds established in the Wednesbury case.

Examination of the reasons given on behalf of the ITC which had been based on but not dictated by the staff papers did not indicate any mistake of law nor any omission to consider matters which the ITC ought to have taken into account and there was no indication that they considered any irrelevant matters. Even if there had been mistakes

in the papers it was plain from the evidence and the papers that the ITC knew all about the forecasts and assumptions made by TSW, knew all about its financial position, the forecasts, assumptions other bidders and formed their own view, as they were bound to do, of what was likely to happen in the future and formed the view which they alone were authorised directed and competent to form. that TSW would not be able to maintain their service throughout the licence period

Lord Goff delivered a concurring speech and Lord Keith, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry agreed. Solicitors: Travers Smith Braithwaite; Allen & Overy;

## Suitability of home for baby is relevant

Regina v Medina Borough Council, Ex parte Dee Before Mr Justice Henry [Judgment March 24]

in determining whether it was continue to occupy her accom-modation, the housing authority needed to have regard to the physical condition and the suitability of the premises for all those affected by their decision.

Mr Justice Henry, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division, so held in granting an application for judicial review by Miss Alison Margaret Dee and quashing decisions of Medina Borough Council on April 25, 1991 and November 14, 1991, as the local housing authority, that the ap-plicant was not homeless within the meaning of section 58 of the Housing Act 1985.

The applicant had a tenancy of a prefabricated beach bungalow.

deteriorated so much that in her view it was unlit for human habitation. She was pregnant at the material time and her medical practitioner and health visitor advised her that the accommodation would not be suitable for her

newly born child. The council, however, did not find the dwelling unfit for human habitation under section 604 of the 1985 Act despite the deterioration of the dwelling as result of damp and mould caused

by condensat After the applicant had given birth to her baby she did not return to the chalet but took unlawful residence at premises nearby. She had then applied to the council for rehousing as a person who was either homeless or threatened with homelessness.

Mr Peter Towler for the applicant; Miss Mary Cook for the

MR JUSTICE HENRY said

that under section 58(2A) of the 1985 Act, as inserted by section 14(2) of the Housing and Planning Act 1986, the question was whether it was reasonable for the applicant to continue to occupy the accommodation.

In answering that question regard might be had to the general circumstances prevailing in relation to housing in the district of the local housing au-thority: section 58(2B) of the

The local housing authority then had to have regard to two things, namely: (i) the physical condition of the premises and (ii) the suitability of the premises for the applicant and, in the circumstances, the newly born baby. The question was whether it was easonable for persons affected by the decision to continue to occupy The council therefore had to

take into account what the applicant could reasonably have

believed what she had been told by her advisers and how she should have reasonably acted having taken that advise.

In the instant case the applicant was a mother expecting her first child. Her doctor had written a letter stating that it was not safe for her to bring her newly born baby to the chalet. Her health visitor had also expressed similar

Although the dwelling was not found to be unlit for human habitation, that decision did not address the question as to whether it was reasonable for her to have returned to the dwelling with a professional advice. The applicant could not be expected to have overridden the decision of her medical advisers as being too

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Robinson Jarvis & Rolf, Ryde; Mr Lain Coggins, Newport, IoW.

## Seeking production of material

Regina v Middlesex nature and identity of the source Guildhall Crown Court, Ex of information to the recipient of parte Salinger and Another Before Lord Justice Smart-Smith and Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment March 25] When an application was made for an order requiring the produc-tion of material for the purpose of an investigation under Schedule 7 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provision) Act 1989. the approch should be to provide the recipient of the order, as early as possible, with as much information about the evidence relied upon in support of the application as was consistent with

the security of the operation. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when dismissing applications by Mr Pierre Sal-inger and ABC News Inter-continental Inc for judicial review of orders made by Judge Clarkson, QC, sitting at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to the 1989 Act for production of video recordings and documents relat-ing to interviews with the people suspected of being responsible for the Lockerbie bombing.

Sir Patrick Neill, QC and Mr Dominic Dowley for the ap-plicants; Mr Peter W. Clarke for

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the relevant parts of the 1989 Act came into force on March 22, 1989 but no crown court rules had been made under paragraph 4(1) of Schedule

Those provisions were no doubt derived from similar provisions in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and the expressions "excluded material" and "special procedure material" had the

eaning given in that Act. There was one important dif-ference between the two Acts. Under the 1989 Act application was made ex parte but a respondent could apply to discharge or vary the order. Under the 1984 Act the application was made

inter partes.

The mere change from an inter partes application to one made ex parte did not bear a great significance. In applications under the 1984 Act the information and its source might be sensitive, although it was more likely to be so under the 1989 Act.
There might indeed be occasions when the nature and identity of the source of information and perhaps also the information itself in the case of a terrorism

that it was not appropriate to disclose it even to the judge. But even if it was disclosed to him, it would rarely be appro-priate or necessary to disclose the

inappropriate to disclose it to counsel and solicitors even on an undertaking of confidentiality. Nevertheless, the recipient of the order should be given as much

information as he properly could as to the grounds upon which the application was made, either at the time the order was served upon him or, if he decided to make an application to discharge or vary the order, before or at the time of the hearing of the

It was unfortunate that no rules had yet been made under para-graph 4(1) of the Schedule. In their absence the court had been asked to give guidance to those involved in such applications. The court did so but it had to

emphasise that they were not intended to be hard and fast rules. since much would depend upon the judge's discretion as to how information should be disclosed and at what stage.

1 The ex parte application should be accompanied by a written statement of the material evidence

upon which the constable wished to rely to persuade the judge that the conditions laid down had been fuifilled. That statement should not disclose the nature or source of the information if, as was likely to be the case, it was sensitive. It sho normally contain the nature of the

is secret and should not be The constable should appear before the judge and be ready to

information unless there were grounds for thinking that it too

evidence. It would rarely be necessary or desirable for the judge to enquire into or the constable to disclose the nature and identity of the source of information: but it might well be necessary for the constable to amplify the nature of the information itself, especially if that had not been fully disclosed

in the written statement. 2 If the judge was satisfied that the conditions were met and decided to make the order, he should give directions as to what. if any, information should be served with the order itself.

While it was not essential that such information should be given in writing and could be given orally, it was normally desirable that it should be, and the court would expect it normally to take the form of the written statement from the constable. In deciding whether the recipi-

ent should be given more or less information than that contained in the written statement or whether no information should be given at that stage, the judge would obviously pay regard to the submission made by or on behalf of the constable. The information should be as full as possible without compromising security.

3 If the judge decided that it was inappropriate for any information other than that which was contained in the order itself to be served on the recipient at the time the order was served he should consider whether it should be served in the event of an application to discharge or vary being

It was clearly desirable, if it could be done without risk to

should be available to the recipient of the order before the hearing of the application to discharge. since if this was not made available till that time it was possible that there might need to be an

adjournment. 4 An application to discharge or vary the production order should if possible be made before the judge who made the er purte order. It was desirable that the same officer, if he gave oral evidence at the ex parte hearing. should also attend.

In most cases sufficient information would have been given to the recipient before the hearing of the application to discharge, but if it had not, it might be supplemented by oral evidence from the applying constable or some other police officer. Questions should not be permitted as to the nature or identity of the source of information. If the nature of the information usell was sensitive in the sense that it might compromise the security of the investigation, the judge should not allow the questions. He should tell the respondent, if it was the case, that he had been given information which satisfied im that the conditions were met: but that the information could not

The overall objective should be to provide the recipient of the order with as much information. preferably in writing, as early as possible provided this was consistent with the security of the

Mr Justice Popplewell agreed.

#### Challenging arbitrators' order for costs

President of Jadranska

Before Mr Justice Hobhouse Ljudement March 261 Where a party to a dispute which had gone to arbitration applied to the court challenging the ar-bitrators final and separate rea-

soned award in respect of costs, the court no longer had power to remit the award to the arbitrators for further consideration under ction 22 of the Arbitration Act 1950. The proper procedure and requirements were set out under section 1 of the Arbitration Act

Mr Justice Hobbouse so held in a reserved judgment in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division when he refused the application of the plaintiff

India y charterers that the final award as to costs made by Christopher Moss and Michael Mabbs, arbitrators, on April 24, 1991, should be set aside or remitted to coonsideration.

> Mr Peregrine Simon, QC, for the chargers; Mr Dominic Kendrick for the owners.

MR JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that he was bound by the decision of the Court of Appeal in Blezen Ltd v G. Percy Trentham Ltd ((1990) 42 EG 133) which made it clear that where arbitrators dealt with the question of costs separately and published a separate award, the matter was governed by the 1979 Act.

That decision not only required that a new procedure should be followed in challenging an award

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on costs but practitioners had also to be aware that at the time of the arbitration hearing they would have to consider whether there might be any decision on costs which they might want to chall-enge and therefore whether they should ask for reasons, with or without a separate hearing and/or award on costs, and that. in practice, it would probably be more difficult to persuade a court to interfere with a costs decision under section 1 of the 1979 Act than it was formerly under section 22 of the 1950 Act.

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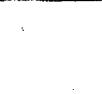














10.45 The Lion's Den. Silhouette animation (61 16160)

Vincent Price. Directed by Irving Pichel (322905)

5.00 The Late Late Show. With Gay Byrne in Dublin (9214)

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9.00 Cutting Edge: Summerhill at 70.

**CHANNEL 4** 

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3927301)
9.25 Film: Squibs (1935, b/w). Cheerful British musical featuring the

11.00 Kingdom of the Deep. Documentary on the filming of wildlife on the Galapagos Islands. Narrated by Andrew Sachs (r) (19924)

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12.00 Right to Reply. With Sheena McDonald (r) (Teletext) (s) (25924)

12.30 Business Daily. Financial news and analysis (51837)

1.00 Sesame Street. Children's series (49092)

2.00 Film: Hudson's Bay (1940, b/w). Well-made story of a trading company in 17th-century Canada With Paul Muni, Laird Cregar and Vincent Brice. Directed by Islands Bishol (222005)

3.45 Pete Smith Specialities. A look at a family album (6890092)
4.00 Flowering Passions. Cottage gardens (r) (Teletext) (108)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. New series of the general knowledge quiz hosted

6.00 The Cosby Show. American family comedy. Bill Cosby takes his children to a vaudeville show (r) (Teletext) (585)
6.30 Tonight With Jonathan Ross. First of four programmes from Los Angeles. Ross spends Oscars night playing host to Jamie Lee Curtis.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext)

7.50 Voters. Three teachers at a Staffordshire school discuss issues relevant to themselves and their families (638585)

8.00 Brookside. Liverpudlian soap. (Teletext) (s) (6363)

8.30 Evening Shade. Burt Reynolds stars in this comedy series about a

Boarding school without rules: pupil at Summerhill (9.00pm)

● CHOICE: A film by two American anthropologists offers a revealing fly-on-the-wall glimpse of A.S. Neill's famous experiment with a school in which the pupils are free of all discipline and moral

direction. Neill's tradition is carried on by his daughter, a headmistress who outdoes her pupils in the use of four-letter words. One gathers there will be much bleeping when the programme is repeated on Friday afternoon. The swearing is presumably supposed to be cathartic, though the strength and the programme of the file is that it though the strength and the

weakness of the film is that it shows without trying to explain. Without evidence to the contrary, the viewer may be forgiven for

assuming that Summerhill is a version of Lord of the Flies, nasty,

moose. In today's episode he inherits 100 acres of land and a team of champion huskies (s) (5108)

brutish and close to anarchy. Among the unexplained mysteries is why 90 per cent of the pupils seem to be American (5721)

10.00 Northern Exposure. More from the would-be cult American comedy-drama, which, it turns out, is nothing like Twin Peaks. With Rob Morrow as the city doctor Joel Fleischman, marrooned with his Rob Morrow as the city doctor Joel Fleischman, marrooned with his Rob Morrow as the city doctor Joel Fleischman, marrooned with his Rob Morrow as the city doctor Joel Fleischman.

11.00 Timecode It: Music Transfer. Video makers talk about the clash

between modern and traditional music worldwide, from Costa Rican calypso to Belgian folk rock (139653)

12.05 Midnight Special. Vincent Hanna presents a roundup of the election campaign (667696)

2.05 Tonight With Jonathan Ross. As 6.30pm (r) (s) (4549764). Ends at 2.30

Ringo Starr, comedian Denis Leary and psychic Kenny Kington (s)

1920s star, Betty Balfour, in the sound remake of her most famous

film in which she plays a cockney flower-seller. Co-starring Stanley Holloway. Directed by Henry Edwards (3410721)

6.00 Ceefax (81214) 6.30 Breakfast News (57283498) 9.05 Election Call introduced by Jonathan Dimbleby. Labour's John Prescott is questioned by viewers on election issues. To participate, ring 071-799 5000. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4

10.00 News, regional news and weather (8371905) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (8867030) 10.25 The Family Ness. Monster carbon (r) (8374092) 10.35 Gibberish.

Celebrity word game (s) (9834059)
11.00 News, regional news and weather (4516059) 11.05 Rosemary
Conley. The health, fitness and diet programme, today from Princes

Square Shopping Centre, Glasgow (3464585)

11.30 People Today, Magazine series (9240498)

12.20 Pebble Mill presented by Judi Spiers (s) (2960127)

12.55 News, regional news and weather (60585011)

1.00 News and weather (20030)

1-30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (41425061) 1.50 Turnabout. Rob Curling presents the quiz game that tests vocabulary (s) (91026027)

2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (3071837)
3.00 The Odd Couple. Comedy with Jack Klugman and Tony Randali

3.25 Bazzaar. Includes financial advice from Alison Mitchell, fashion news from Floella Benjamin and Lesley Waters's demonstration of how to cook paella (8323214)

3.50 Radio Roo (s) (6899363) 4.05 Jackanory. Patricia Routledge reads
Lizzie Dripping and the Witch (s) (5417769)
4.20 The New Adventures Of Mighty Mouse (r) (4220189)
4.30 Take Presented by Sarah Greene (Ceefax) (s) (4074045)

4.55 Newsround (5523059)

5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (s) (8002585)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (807672)
6.00 News and weather (547)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (127)
7.00 Wogan. With Nigel Planer, Sarah Miles and Natalie Rebeiz-Nielsen

7.30 Watchdog. The consumer affairs programme (951)



Pitting their wits: Karl Howman, Geraldine McEwan (8.00pm)

8.00 Mulberry. Last in the limp comedy series pitting handyman Karl Howman against his cantankerous employer (Geraldine McEwan). (Ceefax) (s) (3653) 8.30 Man's Best Friend. Desmond Morris introduces a series about the

wildness of apparently domestic pets (r) (Ceefax) (2160)
9.00 News, campaign report and weather (367363)
9.50 Party Election Broadcast: The Labour party (916721)

10.00 Panorama Leaders. David Dimbleby interviews the Labour leader. Neil Kinnock (995721) Neil Kinnock (995/21)

10.40 Cagney And Lacay. American detective series. Christine and Mary Beth investigate the death of a movie queen (r) (Ceefax) (s) (441585)

11.30 The Victorian Kitchen Garden: The Beginning. Peter Thoday presents the first of 13 shows in which a walled garden is restored to what would have been 100 years ago (r) (Ceefax) (95856)

12.00 Advice Shop. A discussion on the achievements of the Equal Opportunities Commission (r) (1806290)

12.20 On The Hustings. Ian MacWhirter presents highlights of the evening's campaign speeches around the country (8432219) 12.50 Weather (1910649). End at 12.55

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10.00 Frog Girl: A girl boycotts school experiments on frogs (31160)

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6.45 Open University (3892301) 7.35 Interval 8.00 Breakfast News (9051382) 8.15 Northern Arts (r) (9041905) 8.30 Boating Butler 9.00 Film: The Next Voice You Hear (1950, b/w). James Whitmore and

Nancy Davis (later Reagan) in a rum story about a factory worker who hears the voice of God on his radio. Directed by William A. Wellman (\$838160) 10.20 Film: The Country Girl (1955). Grace Kelly as the disillusioned wife of alcoholic singer Bing Crosby in a sombre drama from Clifford Odets, Directed by George Seaton (11395837)

12.00 Santeros. Religious woodcarving in New Mexico (30856) 12.30 Born of Fire. Earthquakes and volcanoes (r) (9801617) 1.20 Fingermouse (71593108) (r) 1.35 In The Post (r) (96281092)

2.00 News and weather (1059) 2.00 Impressions. Yorkshire mill owner, George Leatt (r) (32368585)
2.15 Photography, Television... And The Occasional Grape.
Paralysed photographer, Bruce Brown, talks about his new job
(994635) 2.45 in The Garden (1229127) 3.00 News and weather (3911092)

3.05 Village Praise (r) (Cerfax) (s) (6510092) 3.40 Glynn Christian's Serendipity. Reporting on tea production in Sri

Lanka (r) (4988837) 3.50 News and weather (4977721)

4.00 The World Figure Skating Championships (2193905)
4.50 Film 92 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (3021672)
5.20 One In Four. Politicians talk to disabled people (1960160)
6.00 The Addams Family (bAw). Classic comedy (Ceefax) (658769)
6.25 The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air (746498)



At the grass roots of football: host Simon O'Brien (6.50pm)

6.50 DEF II: Standing Room Only.

CHOICE: Billed as the thinking fan's football show, Standing Room Only has established itself as a bright and irreverent antidote to standard soccer coverage on the box, attempting to articulate the feelings of the supporter on the terraces rather than the man in the commentary box. The new series promises the mixture as before, raising issues, interviewing celebrities and reflecting the game at the grass roots. David Baddiel and Rob Newman of *The Mary Whitehouse Experience* are on hand with more satirical input, though they will have to be careful. One of their items last time ridiculed the idea that Kenny Daglish would join Bladdburn Rovers.
Tonight's ingredients include a burly, bearded and very sober
George Best recalling great moments and the accusation that
Liverpool and Everton are ignoring local black talent (165585)
7.25 Tex Avery (215498) 7.30 Young Musician Of The Year. Piano semi-final (s) (626547)

8.10 Horizon: A Diet for a Lifetime (782837)

CHOICE: A film which touches on social history almost as much as CHOKCE: A film which touches on social history almost as much as science looks into possible links between the diet of pregnant mothers and the diseases which afflict their offspring half a century later. Professor David Barker of the Medical Research Council is a firm advocate of the theory that the incidence of heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure in adult life can be related to the nutrition taken by the mother before, during and immediately after the birth. For his evidence Barker turns to health records going back to the early part of the century. His findings have not gone unchallenged. There are experts who say that healthy eating and living in adulthood have just as much effect on heart disease and other disorders. In any case no one knows what the perfect diet for

living in adulthood have just as much effect on heart disease and other disorders. In any case no one knows what the perfect diet for a pregnant woman should be (782837)

9.00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience. Topical comedy (s) (1030)

9.30 The Old Devils. Final part of the Kingsley Amis adaptation with Alun Weaver still writing his Welsh novel (Ceefax) (s) (59585)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour party (Ceefax) (987547)

10.40 Newsnight. News and analysis (156905)

11.35 The Late Show. Live arts show (s) (631566)

12.15am Weather (7676890)

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6.00 TV-am (3936059) 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game hosted by Lennie Bennett (9564295) 9.55 Regional News (6429382)

10.00 The Time... The Place... Current affairs discussion hosted by John Stapleton (6985059) 10.40 This Morning. Magazine programme with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley live from Liverpool's Albert Dock (4747276) 12.10 Rosie and Jim. Puppet series (9640634)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News and weather (Oracle) (7029276) 1.10 Regional News (77499479)

1.20 Home and Away (Oracle) (63062295) 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian drama (s) (96295295) 2.20 Yan Can Cook. Cooking with bean curd or toru (46390011) 2.50 Families (s) (6490295) 3.15 News (3938769) 3.20 Regional News (3928382) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Medical soap (8309634)

3.55 Cartoon: Road Runner (r) (6933030) 4.00 Wail of the Banshee. Fantasy adventure series (Oracle) (s) (6927479)

4.25 Chip 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers (r) (5289943)
4.50 Art Attack. Featuring foot-printed stationery and painting with glue. With Neil Buchanan (5225634)
5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz with Bob Holness (8096924)

5.40 ITN News with John Suchet (792301) Weather 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Orade) (943) 6.30 Regional News (Orade) (268295)

6.55 Party Election Broadcast: The Labour party (694856)
7.00 The Magic Cornedy Strip. With American comic magicians, Rudy Coby, David Williamson and Jeff Hobson. Also with a guest magician from Britain, Joe Pasquale (s) (2301)

7.30 Coronation Street: (Oracle) (479) 8.00 Take Your Pick. Quiz game with Des O'Connor (s) (8721) 8.30 World in Action. An investigation into MPs' business activities and the ways in which they can use their jobs in Parliament to make



Vanishing actress: Sue Jenkins with Harry Dickman (9,00pm)

9.00 In Suspicious Circumstances

 CHOICE: Edward Woodward once more assumes the mantle of the late Edgar Lustgarten and introduces dramatised reconstructions of real-life mysteries. Since last year's pilot the reconstructions of real-life mysteries. Since last year's pilot the ration of cases has sensibly been reduced from three to two per programme and the show seems to have dropped the claim to offer fresh evidence. Both of tonight's yams are left tantalisingly in the air, though none the worse for that. The first concerns a minor actress (played by Sue Jenkins) who disappeared in 1949 during a tour of Nor Novello's The Dancing Years. An unfortunate love life may have been the key. The other playlet is set in the 1920s and involves Victor Grayson, a former socialist MP, Maundy Gregory, who sold honours for Lloyd-George and Gregory's wealthy woman companion. Two of the three met murky ends (4479)

10.50 News at Ten (Oracle) Weather (28011)

10.30 Regional News (907301)

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10.30 Regional News (907301)

10.40 Film: The Stone Killer (1973). Violent and distasteful Michael Winner film staming Charles Bronson as a brutal plain-clothes detective deaning up the criminal underworld of Los Angeles.

12.30 Sportsworld Extra. Tony Francis introduces highlights of the weekend's football from the Bardays League and the continent (25509) 1.30 Film: The Forbidden Street (1950). Unconvincing romantic drama about a young girl (Maureen O'Hara) who is ostracted by her family

after she marries a drunken art teacher (Dana Andrews). Directed by Jean Negulesco (43344) 3.30 Reap the Whirlwind. Drama series set in 19th-century South Africa (s) (92054)

4.30 Stage 1. Last in the series, featuring Class of 91 (s) (40615) 5.30 ITN Morning News (18702). Ends at 6.00

Lennon (6632783) 4.55-5.30 Jobs (5962219)

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Show (3088437) 2.50-3.15 Graham Kerr
(6490295) 3.25-3.25 Sons and Daughters
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(8096924) 6.30-6.55 Granada Toxigint
(268295) 10.40 On The Knocker (308740)
11.10 Prisoner: Cel Block H (847905)
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Kadansky's Vault (8496035) 12.35 Wirestling
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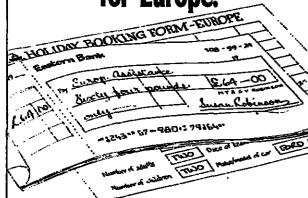
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As London except: 2.00pm-2.50 Matlock, (7586160) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8096924) 6.00-6.55 Calendar (943) 10.40 England's Last Wilderness (308740) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (847905) 12.05 Film Like Morn, Like Me (918275) 1.50 The Muristers Today (8146493) 2.20 Trans World Sport (4633851) 3.20 Music Special (4628431)

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2.00pm The Plot to Kill Hittler (1990): The story of an ill-fated coup (18160)
4.00 Murder in Black and Whibe (1990): A black police chief is killed (9092)
6.00 Driving Miss Daisy (1989): Friendship blossoms between an eticerly southern lady and her black chauffeur (38924)
8.00 I Love You to Death (1990): A wife plots to kill her husband (38614363)
10.00 Rush Week (1988): Thriller set on a college campus (824905) Win the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
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(81189) 9.00 Scottish Football (47818) 10.00
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(4059) 4.00 Windsurfing (58214) 5.00 Super
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6.15am Ninja, the Wonder Boy (1985): Cartoon adventure (A25721)
8.15 Sleep My Love (1948, Irw): A husband attempts to drive his wife mad (532585)
10.15 Susamash of the Mournies (1939, b/w): Starring Shirley Temple (512721)
12.15pen Capitaln Blood (1935): Brol Flynn plays the dashing pirate (881363)
2.15 8.L. Stryler — Wight Train (1990): Starring Burt Reynolds (801127)
4.15 Time Fighters in the Land of Fantasy: Farrasy adventure (799943)
6.15 Wilded Stepsonther (1990): Starring Bette Davis (12844479)
8.05 Mio\* Better Blues (1990): Denzel Washington stars as a self-centred jazz

3.05 15 and Getting Straight (1988): Two boys fight drug addiction (2783180) 4.80 Teachers (1984): A satire on the education system (564851). Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

8.05 Mor Better Blues (1990): Dencel Washington stars as a self-centred jazz trumpeter (686-46943)
10.15 A Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story: All Clayburgh plays the late actress (552276)
11.55 High Desert Kill (1990): Allens land in New Mexico (20718653)
2.30em The 64th Aurusal Academy Awards — Live: Hosted by Billy Crystal (2946073). Ends at 6.00 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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 4.00pm Mr Ed (6818) 4.30 Perticoat Junction (8830) 5.00 The New Leave it to Beaver (6189) 5.00 Greenacriss (9382) 6.00 Here's Lucy (6295) 6.30 Small Wonder (7547) 7.00 F DLY (6253) 7.30 McHale's Navy (6059) 8.00 Till Death Us Do Part (8301) 8.30 Wings (4108) 9.00 Hogan's Heros (96498) 9.30 Here's Lucy (83585) 10.00 Laugh-In (52127) 19.30 McHale's Navy (38547)

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(3143030) 10.50 Coffee Break (5136276)
10.55 Getting Fit with Denise Austin
(2434130) 11.25 Cyril Fletcher's Litestyle
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Steve Wright in the Afternoon 6.00 Mark Goodier's Mega His 6.30 News '92: The results of the 1 FM election poli 7.00 Mark Goodier's Everying Session 9.00 Out on Blue Str 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

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RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7,00pm.
6,00am World Service: Newshour 6,30 Danny
Baker's Morning Edition 9,00 Schooks Topic
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10,40 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12,30pm The Day Before
Yesterday 1,00 News Update 1,15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (f) 1,30 RFBS Worldwide: Simon and the Squad
2,30 World Service: World Report; 2,45 Personal View; 3,05 Outdook; 3,30 The Problem of
Evil; 4,05 Science in Actor Report; 7,45 Personal View; 3,05 Outdook; 3,30 The Problem of
Evil; 4,05 Science in Actor 4,35 Report 7,5 Ballet Shoes 7,30 Mynday and the Chalice of
Wisdom (final part) 8,00 Euromax 8,45 Farshawe on Five 9,30 At the Sign of the Dog and
Rocket, by Jan Mark (final part) 10,10 The Max, and 11,00 Sport 12,00-12,10em News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 4.30am The Week Ahead
4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 News and
5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 World
News 6.30 Londres Matile 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News about Britain 7.15
Recording of the Week 7.30 it's Your World with Eastern European Leaders 8.00 Newsdesk
8.30 Hold the Baby 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Health Matters 9.30 Amything
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VARIATIONS

**ANGLIA** As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr (46390011) 6.25-6.55 Anglia News (3928382) 10.40 Relationships (308740) 11.10-12.30 McCloud: The Great Taxi Cab Stampede (981943)

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(46390011) 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters (8309634) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8309634) 6.00 Lookarourd Monday (943) 6.30-6.35 Take the High Road (268295) 10.40 Maslock (166382) 11.40 Crime Story (477295) 12.35 Superstars of Wrestling (2781054) 1.40 Film: The Pleasure Girls (341615) 3.15 America's Top Ten (35832) 3.45 About Britain (67431) 4.15 The Hit Man and Her (7166783) 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder (46666431)

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6.55am Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert; Sammartini (Oboe Concerto in D: Heirz Holliger; I Musici); Dvočák

RADIO 3

Holliger; I Musici); Dvořák
(Scherzo capriccioso: Bavarian
Radio Symphony Orchestra
under Rafael Kubelík)
7.30 News
7.35 Moming Concert (cont):
Copland (El salón Mexico:
Detroit SO under Antal Dorati);
Barber (Summer Music Bergen
Wind Quintet); Granados
(Zapateado: Alicia de Larrocha,
piano); Joplin, arr Perlman
(Magnetic Rag: Itzhak Perlman,
violin, André Previn, piano);
Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue;
Los Angeles Philharmonic
Orchestra under Leonard
Bernstein, piano)

8.35 Composers of the Week: Haydn — New Freedoms and Old Responsibilities, 1764-1774. Thema la Fantasia, Cassatio in G. H II 1 (Linde Cassatio in G, H II 1 (Linde Consort under Hans-Martin Linde); Symphony No 21 in A (Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); Baryton Trio, H XI 5 (Geringas Baryton Trio); Symphony No 23 in G (Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Honsenoct)

under Christopher Hogwood)

9.35 Morning Sequence: Falla (The
Three-Cornered Hat:
Philadelphia Orchestra under Ricardo Muti): Dohnanyi (Sextet in C: Members of the Takacs Quartet); Jánaček (The Danube: Slovak Philhamonic Orchestra under Libor Pesek with Jana Valaskova, soprano); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 80: Melos Quarter): Roussel (Bacchus and Ariadne Suite No 2: Lamoureux Orchestra under

igor Markevitch); D'indy (La Forêt enchantée: Loire Philharmonic under Pierre Dervaux): Dutilleux (Le Loup) Paris Conservatoire Orchestra under Georges Prêtre) 12.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Martin Turnovsky performs Dvořák (The Golden Spinning Whe (The Golden Spinning Wheel, Op 109); Martinů (Symphony

No 4) (r) 1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live form St John's, Smith Square, London, The pianist Dezso Ranki plays Haydn (Andante

and Variations on F minor, H XVII 6); Kurtag (Games — extracts); Beethoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 31 No 3) 2.05 Third Opinion (r)
2.50 Vivaldi: St James's Baroque

Virualdi: St James's Baroque players under Ivor Bolton perform La Senna Festeggiante. With Lorna Anderson, soprano, as The Golden Age; Susan Bickley, mezzo, as Virtue; Gerald Finlay, baritone, as The Seine In (r) 4.10 Debut: Jane Goodwin, cello, J Debut: Jane coodwin, cello, Kathron Sturrock, piano, perform Martinů (Variations on a Slovak Therne); Beethoven (Sonata in C. Op 102 No 1) 1 Music for Organ: On the organ of Westminster Cathedral, James O'Donnell plays Mulet (Nef; Rosaces; Tu es petra. Esouisses byzantines):

es petra, Esquisses byzantines) Durufié (Suite, Op 5) 5.30 Mahnly for Pleasure, with Brian Wright 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Stephen Dakin, the former director at the Gate Theatre, talks about his new appointment as artistic director designate at the Royal Court
to Michael Billington
7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Markus

Stenz performs Detlev Glaner (Parergon); Walton (Cello Concerto: Alexander Baillie); Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral) 9.05 Songs by Hugh Wood and Martint: Alson Wells, soprano, Martyn Parry, piano, perform Hugh Wood (The Horse, Op 10); Martinti (Seven songs on one page); Hugh Wood (The Rider Victory, Op

1!) (r) 9.45 Mozart and Brahms Trios: David Gofub, piano, Mark Kaplan, violin, Colin Carr, cello perform Mozart (Trio In B flat, K 502); Brahms (Trio in C minor, Op 101) (r)
10.30 Mbding ft: Robert Sandall and Mark Russell present music that mixes styles and

influences
11.30 News
11.35-12.35em Composers of the
Weelc Holloway (Scenes from
Schumann); Knussen (Where
the Wild Things Are) (r)
1.00-2.05 Night School (except in
Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra nfluences

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investigates the increasing
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for protection. Ind 11.00 New
11.30 Money Box Live (FM only):
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from 10am 12.00 You and Yours, with Debbie

Thrower
12.25pm Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts.the first semi-final (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One (LW only

from 1.40)
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast 2.00 Plain Facts in a Country Dress (FM only): R.E.T. Lamb's

2.00-4.00 Campaign Report (LW

only) 3.30-4.00 Conversation Piece (FM

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to John

and looks at Michael

only): Sir Ranulph Fiennes, explorer and writer, talks to Sue MacGregor

Purser about his book, Scotland's Music, reports on the Gershwins in Hollywood;

Westmoreland's panoramas at the Royal Photographic Society

play interweaves two stories of innocence versus corruption in a Cotswold village (s) (r)

RADIO 4 4.45 Short Story: Financing

(s) Stereo on FM
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News Briefing, ind 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, ind 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.59 Party Election
Broadcast by the Green party
8.58 Weather
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Election Com-Finnegan, by F. Scott-Fitzgerald. A writer makes a trip to the North Pole with three women anthropologists.
Read by Ed Bishop
5.00 PM, with Valerie Singleton and Frank Partridge 5.50 Weather
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 Six O'Clock News

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6.30 The News Quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 Archers
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
7.20 The Food Programme (FM only), with Derek Cooper (r)
7.50-8.00 Treasure Islands (FM only): Michael Rosen talks to the author Joan Lingard (r)
8.00-9.30 Campaign Report (LW only) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Hection Call: 071-799 5000.
Voters can ring John Prescott,
Labour's transport spokesman
10.00 Daily Service (JW only): The
third of a sk-part political
drama by Christopher Lee
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Ezekiel,
Paul Scofield reads the fourth
of sk episodes.

only)
8.00 The Monday Play: Assassins
(FM only)

CHOICE: Reliable

CHOKCE: Reliable information being scanty as to what subsequently happened to the four kinghts who slew Becket, Peter Roberts had practically a clear field to himself, and he has filled it with the kind of action normally found in a Hollywood costume epic; the battles between Christians and between Christians and

Saracers, in particular, are Cinerama-sized. At the same time, Roberts writes vigorously and intelligently about the rocky nature of the road to redemption. Michael Lumsden's Hugh de Morville and Stephen Tomlin's Richard Brito are the primate-killers with whom the play is most

with whom the play o likest crucially concerned (s)
9.30 Kaleixdoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love is

Blue. Prunella Scales reads the first of ten extracts from Joan Wyndham's second world war

wyndnam's second world war
diary

11.00 Beyond Our Ken: Comedy
from the 1960s with Kenneth
Home, Kenneth Williams,
Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden,
Bill Pertwee and The Fraser
Hayes Four (r)

11.30 Election Platform
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
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